

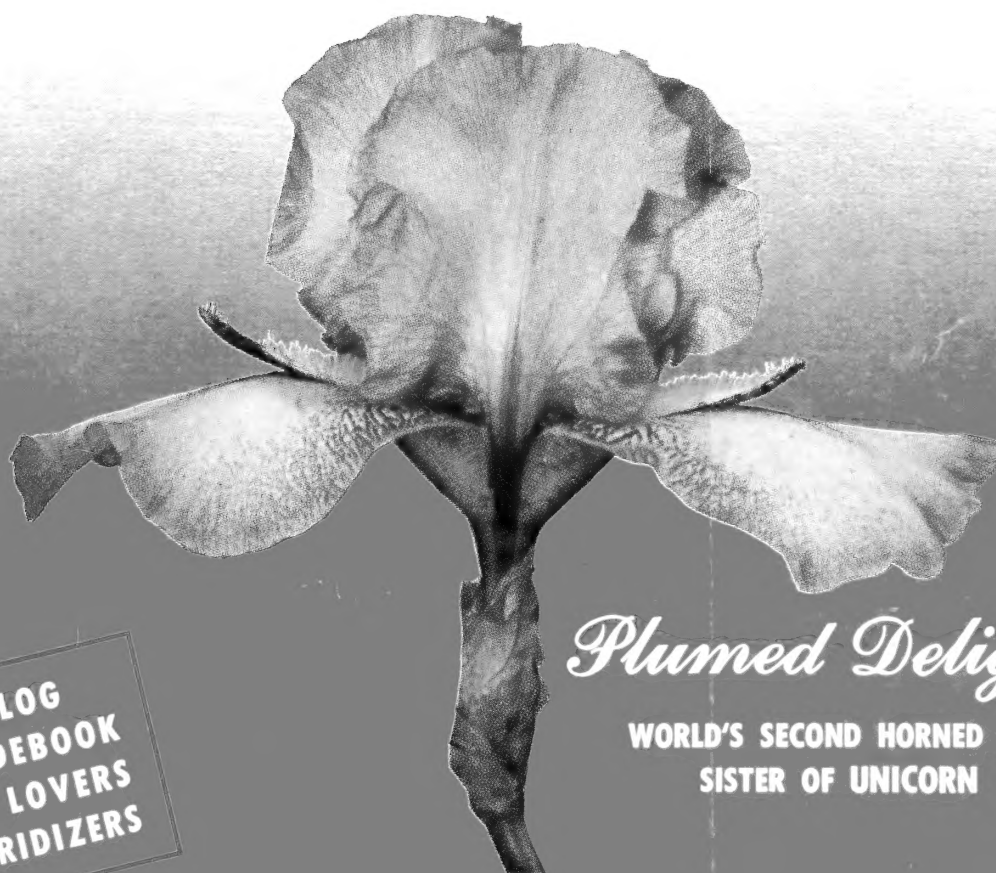
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# RAINBOW OFFERINGS

## *1955* IRIS *1955*



*Plumed Delight*

WORLD'S SECOND HORNED IRIS  
SISTER OF UNICORN

A CATALOG  
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FOR IRIS LOVERS  
AND HYBRIDIZERS

RAINBOW HYBRIDIZING GARDENS

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WORLD'S ONLY COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE OFFERINGS IN IRIS FOR YEAR-ROUND BLOOM

# IRIS BUYER'S GUIDE FOR 1955

SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION YOU NEED IN CHOOSING IRIS FOR YOUR GARDEN

## HELP FOR EVERYONE

**MONTHS OF BLOOM** in bold blue headings for all types of Iris.

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## QUICK AND EASY ORDERING FOR BEGINNERS AND BUSY GARDENERS

While you have before you the world's most comprehensive offerings in Iris for Year Round Bloom, you do not need to learn all about these to start enjoying modern Iris in Rainbow colors. It's **easy** to get started now, by ordering some of the extra choice varieties that are so fine I illustrate them in full color. Another quick and easy way is to order some of the **collections** in different types of Iris, to lengthen your blooming season. And below is the easiest way of all!

I find that many beginners unfamiliar with modern Bearded Iris do not have time to study out what to order, and prefer to **leave the selection of varieties up to me**. I give you over **\$8.00 worth for \$5.00** when you do this. All labeled and postpaid.

Just send \$5.00 and ask for \_\_\_\_\_ by number:

- 8 Gorgeous **bright and deep colors**, all different..... **\$5.00**
- 8 Lovely soft **pastel colors**, all different..... **\$5.00**
- 8 Striking **two-tones and blends**, all different..... **\$5.00**
- 8 **Long-season, rainbow** assortment, all different..... **\$5.00**

Or, better yet, send **\$10.00** and ask for **any two** of the above groups. There will be no duplication of varieties — all will be different, and you'll be delighted.

## DID YOU GET TWO CATALOGS?

We carefully check our extensive mailing lists, yet sometimes two or more catalogs do go to one person. If this happens to you, won't you please drop me a postal, **giving the exact addresses on the different copies**, and indicating which is the right one, so we can correct our files. Please give the extra copy to a flower-loving friend. Thank you.

## Do You Want My 1956 Catalog?

Everyone who orders from this catalog will automatically receive next year's new revised edition without special request. If you are unable to order this year and desire to have next year's catalog, please send 25c to partially cover the cost of lithographing and mailing. Should you desire to have copies of either this catalog or next year's edition sent to some of your relatives or friends, please include 25c for each such request.

## KEY TO DATA TO HELP YOU SELECT AND PLAN

To help both **Iris lovers** and **amateur hybridizers** secure the information that they need about the varieties, I give all of the following data in my variety descriptions: originator, year of introduction, symbols to show my recommendations, season of bloom, height in inches, description, awards, parentage in square brackets whenever known to contain at least one named variety usable by others, price for one rhizome and for three.

① — New Listing, offered for the first time this year.

★ — My nominations for the **most outstanding** varieties and values. Some are exciting new creations; others are exceptionally fine standard varieties that I feel give you exceptional value considering their present low price.

★ — One of the elite few to which I am this year giving my highest recommendation.

■ — My very best values **for hybridizers**.

I recommend particularly Iris **recently** honored by Awards of American Iris Society:

Dykes—Dykes Memorial Medal. (Highest Award, yearly to the one best Iris.)

Marked ★★★★★, page 40.

AM—Award of Merit. (Next to Highest.)

Dykes RU and AM-RU—Runners-up.

HM—Honorable Mention.

HC—High Commendation.

CC—Certificate of Commendation.

**SEASON ABBREVIATIONS** from earliest to latest spring; EE, VE, E, EM, M, ML, L, and VL. To avoid the customary short Tall Bearded season, be sure to choose early, midseason and late varieties in each of the colors of greatest interest to you. Since the majority of varieties bloom at midseason, or nearly, you will need to give special thought to provide your garden with a good assortment of both the early bloomers and the late ones.

**COLOR PLATES**—Life-like color pictures, **all made from Ektachromes taken here at Rainbow Gardens**, and used **exclusively** in this catalog.

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To quickly direct you to exceptional opportunities to save, and to the year's most outstanding varieties.

☐ **SECRET VARIETY CLUES** on page 5, 10, 13, 16, 18 and 20; full explanation on page 35.

☐ Money-saving \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **SPECIAL OFFERS** for 1955. (Premiums, gifts, etc.)

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**RED-TYPE VARIETY NAMES with RED 3-PRICES.** Choice feature varieties available this year in groups of 3 at very special **LOW prices**, many as low as **3 for LESS than price of 2**.

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## MOVING?

Don't forget to notify me of your new address. But **be sure to give the old address, too**. Hundreds of catalogs are returned to me every year because people forget to notify me of the change in their address.

**CASA MORENA—Only \$1.00 ■ M-38"**

Huge, rich chestnut brown, glowing like an ember. **Heavy bloomer**. Very fertile pollen; one of the best seed-setters. A **delight for both hybridizers and Iris lovers**. Stock scarce. Order **NOW** while still available.

**MAGIC CARPET—Only 75c ML-32"**

A favorite plicata. **Vivid, resplendent**. Standards tawny, quaintly flecked rose and cinnamon, glistening. Falls gold cream, with rippling waves of deepest rose. You'll love it.

## Beginner's SPECIALS

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**ORDER BLANKS  
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# My New Introductions For 1955

## THREE HORNED IRIS

**PLUMED DELIGHT** (Austin '55) ★■ M-32" .....\$75.00

**Illustrated in Full Color on Front Cover**

I present **Plumed Delight** as my finest horned Iris to date. A bewitching yellow cream, washed and veined in greyish lilac, bordered in pale yellow. Falls beautifully rippled, stiffly horizontal, much more flaring than those of its sister seedling Unicorn. Horns are usually more pronounced, somewhat more constant. Beards are yellow and white, extend out along deep violet horns, which usually project a full half inch from the falls. A violet center line on each fall, under the horn, completes the strange fascination with which this unique flower holds every observer. A very heavy bloomer, frequently producing two or three stalks from a single rhizome. No pollen but set seed when pollinated with Argus Pheasant and Temple Bells. Absolutely unsurpassed by any Iris in this catalog as a promising parent for breeding really new and startling creations. Be the first to get started in this new era of Iris breeding.

**MULBERRY SNOW** (Austin '55) ★■ M-ML-45" .....\$60.00

A horned sister seedling of Unicorn that has one of the most novel color patterns ever seen. Actually has a "snow-capped" appearance, due to large prominent white blaze at top of each fall, around beard. Standards smooth, dark reddish wine. Falls below the white blaze intense mulberry, indistinctly lined in white in a fancy pattern. At end of each beard is a prominent mulberry horn projecting out about 1/2 inch. A fine breeder, both as a seed parent and a pollen parent.

**UNICORN** (Austin '54) ★■ ML-L-42" .....\$50.00

This is the original, the world's first horned Iris. Depicted in life-like true color at right. Represents greatest break in development of an entirely new and highly decorative Iris form that has occurred in the last half century of intensive Iris breeding. Customary beards, instead of reposing quietly on the falls in the normal position, are raised and separated from the falls, projecting as striking plumed horns. Coloring is bold and contrasting—brilliant mulberry standards, and snow white falls, prominently edged to match the standards. Beard is orange-yellow, changing to white and mulberry. Sets seed readily and has abundant fertile pollen.

## ORIGIN of the HORNED IRIS and their HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES

The history of the horned Iris began just ten years before the first one, UNICORN, was introduced. Back in 1944 I noticed a slight projection at the end of the beard of a Sydney B. Mitchell seedling, No. M-5-38. I self-pollinated this and obtained my No. 638, a lavender "fancy," which occasionally showed beginnings of horns at the beard. In 1946, among many discarded seedlings given me by Prof. Mitchell, I discovered another with the same tendency, namely JS-M-176B. I immediately started crossing this with my No. 638, and from these crosses has arisen a series of horned Iris. The three best ones have been named and propagated, and are offered above.

Alert hybridizers throughout the world have been quick to grasp the enormous breeding potentialities of this new alteration in the genes governing Iris form. I foresee that with this new character available to breeders, the recent trend for everyone to try his hand at crossing Flamingo pinks may well shift in this direction. The change will not be rapid as I am releasing these horned Iris while stocks are still very limited. It will be several years before there are enough rhizomes for general distribution.

The horned character is wholly new in the Iris world, and as such is not yet 100% constant. Individual flowers on the same plant sometimes vary in the extent to which they produce horns and in the length of the horns. I am, naturally, working to develop greater constancy in horn characteristics. My two 1955 introductions, and particularly Plumed Delight, are more constant in this than my first release, Unicorn. But well established plants of even Unicorn will often have long horns on every flower.

This new horned feature is strangely variable in its development. In the case of both **Plumed Delight** and **Mulberry Snow** the horn occasionally forms a decorative spoon at the end, much like the new and popular spooned chrysanthemums, but with much larger spoons. Plumed Delight and Mulberry Snow are not introduced as spooned Iris, as this character is still in its embryonic stages. But it is highly probable that enterprising breeders will be able to use these two 1955 introductions as the starting point for an entirely new race of spooned Iris, surpassing even the horned Iris in decorative possibilities. I am releasing these immediately so hybridizers everywhere can get started on what may well turn out to be man's greatest Iris hybridizing adventure!

Two other of my introductions, **PLACER MAID** and **FANCYANCY**, while not introduced as horned Iris, both come from the same cross as the three horned varieties. Both contain genes for beard projections and on rare occasions will actually exhibit small horns. I am using both in my breeding work for better horned Iris. They are available at only a fraction of the cost of the three real horned varieties. See pages 25 and 30.

**SPECIAL GROUP PRICES**—To enable hybridizers to quickly get a worth while start of breeding material, I make these startling special group offers:

—Unicorn FREE with an order for the two 1955 introductions, namely, **Plumed Delight** and **Mulberry Snow**.

—Any two, or all three, of the horned Iris for only 70% of the sum of their prices.

—Any 1, 2 or all 3 horned Iris for 50% of their regular prices in cash, and the other 50% in trade; providing you can send me new Iris that I need, and that are not listed in this catalog. Ordinarily, I am interested in acquiring only fairly new introductions valued at \$10.00 or more. Let me know what you have to offer, and how many of each.

## My 1955 Introductions on Other Pages

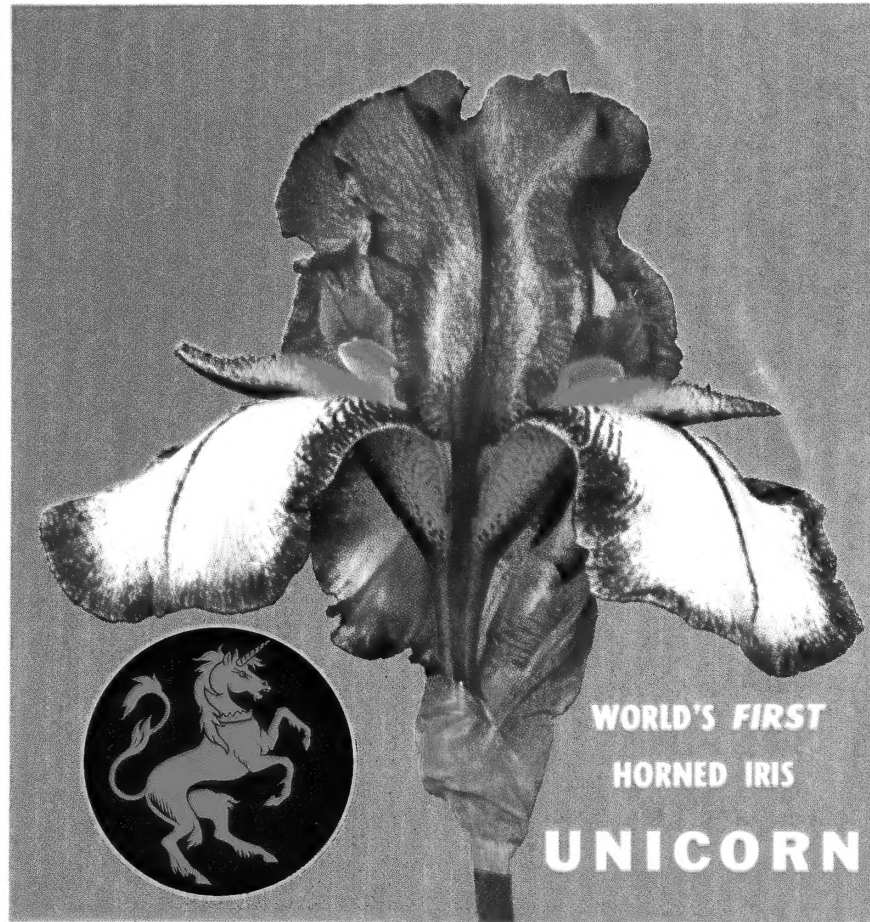
**ONCOBREDS:** CLEMENTINA, MAGIC LIGHT, PINK MARBLE, BLUE ABALONE. See page 10.

**REGELIA:** DECORATED GIANT. See page 6.

## PLUMED DELIGHT

*The Plumed Delight is named a-right!  
This sib to Unicorn  
Is more bizarre with perfect flare;  
Much gayer plumes adorn . . .  
These violet plumes make fairy brooms  
To brush the mists of morn.*

*Cream-yellow veined and lilac stained,  
Waved standard domes excite;  
The lilac scheme dots falls of cream;  
The beards are gold and white.  
Horns, like a lark's, have violet marks  
Enhancing Plumed Delight.  
—George Nicholas Rees*



## MY 1955 TALL BEARDED MILESTONE SERIES

These do not constitute my final masterpieces, perfect in almost every respect; but they do represent important and very colorful "MILESTONES" along the way toward my ultimate goals. I feel certain that they will be immensely popular because they enable the average gardener, who cannot afford the expensive and superb latest creations, to still get brand new 1955 introductions at a price that he can afford. He can buy these bright colorful varieties, that are distinct from any previously named varieties, while they are really new, and he can be sure no one else in his town has them. Note the variation in blooming season and height you can get by selecting several of these.

**FANCY FRILLS** (Austin '55) Ⓢ M-33" The most frilled and ruffled member of my new series of lovely fancies. Standards light pinkish orchid, flushed white at base. Falls light heliotrope, with strong white area at the end of the very white beard, and with radiating white lines extending out to the edge of the falls. [M-5-38 x M-0-51B].....\$4.00; 3 for \$8.95

**FANCY FLARE** (Austin '55) Ⓢ ML-35" The best formed and most flaring of my new fancies. Standards deep amethyst, flushed white at the base. Falls intense amethyst, daintily brushed in white, very stiff and flaring. Beard almost white.....\$2.25; 3 for \$5.95

**CHANTIMORENA** (Austin '55) Ⓢ L to VL-30" A new flower in scintillating terra-cotta brown, and with a distinctive Chantilly-lace crinkling to the edges of the petals. Standards bronzy-brown with a reddish iridescence. [Casa Morena x Juliet].....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

**PINK FLARE** (Austin '55) Ⓢ M-40" A very tall Flamingo pink that stands out across the garden. Standards smooth light salmon pink. Falls bright rosy orchid-pink, becoming lighter toward the edge, and strikingly marked with white veins radiating from the large, intense tangerine beard. Falls very stiff and flaring, giving much character to the bloom. [Buffawn x Flora Zenor].....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

**FANCY BRIGHT**, \$2.50, and **BLACK FLARE**, \$1.75—See Hybridizer's Page, page 31.

—Order any three of my introductions, on this page or elsewhere in this catalog, and get FREE either Pink Flare or Black Flare. Or, order any four of my introductions and get FREE either Fancy Frills or Fancy Bright.

"We have learned that plant life is as plastic in our hands as clay in the hands of the artist. Plants can readily be moulded into more beautiful forms and colors than any sculptor can hope to equal."—LUTHER BURBANK

# Exotic **ARIL IRIS** for

It's Time To Become Acquainted With The Hardy ARILS, Namely  
World's Most Comprehensive Offerings in ARIL IRIS

Famed **ONCOCYCLUS** Orchid-Iris of Palestine

For MARCH-APRIL-MAY Bloom

**AUTHENTICITY:** In view of recent incorrect use of the term "Onco," I must emphasize that these are the GENUINE PURE ONCO SPECIES—not hybrids with other Iris containing only a portion of Onco blood, such as are sometimes falsely offered as "Oncos" to the unsuspecting. So if you want real Oncos, make SURE that is what you get. Most are EXCLUSIVE OFFERINGS not elsewhere available on this continent.

**USES:** Since a number of the Oncos have gigantic globular flowers of striking form and coloring, they are the most sensational of all ARILS, and all Iris, for garden features, indoor decoration, flower shows and hybridizing.

**NATIVE HABITAT, IMPORTATION and HYBRIDIZING:** In the three centuries since the landing of the Pilgrims, the Western World has never had an opportunity to become acquainted with the wealth of diverse and fascinating species of *Oncocyclus* Iris that occur in various parts of PALESTINE and surrounding countries. Recent Bulletins of the American Iris Society (particularly Jan. '51) point strongly to the rapidly spreading interest in hybridizing Oncos and their derivatives. Even today, most hybridizers do not have available any appreciable number of true Onco species, and have to work largely through William Mohr and other Oncobreders in their attempts to secure the Onco characteristics so much desired. Thus they leave to us, the adventurous of the clan, the real thrills of making various FRESH starts by crossing many different Onco species DIRECTLY with the finest of today's Tall Bearded Iris—varieties so superb that they were hardly even dreamed of way back in 1925 when William Mohr was created. Consequently, I have devoted much time and effort, and no little expense, to DIRECT AIR IMPORTATION of all possible true Onco species. My collection has reached over 30 species. See my Manual (pages 35 and 36) for many suggestions on hybridizing with Oncos.

**CULTURE:** Oncos are the most exacting of Arils in requiring the treatment outlined on page 5, but are most rewarding of all when properly grown. No other Iris have the appeal of true Oncos.

## FURTHER HEAVY DROP IN PRICES FOR '55

### On GATESII and SARI from Turkey

It is with great satisfaction that I am able to report that my large and costly 1953 and 1954 importations of these two wonderful Oncos, **GATESII** and **SARI** from remote portions of Turkey, are doing so well I am again able to drastically reduce my prices on these rarities. These true Oncos from northern mountains are so well adapted to American conditions I am securing exceptional increase. In accordance with my custom, I immediately pass this favorable development on to my thousands of esteemed customers in the form of much lower prices. My confidence in the intrinsic value of these rare species, and in American Iris lovers' and hybridizers' desire to satisfy a long-felt want, has caused me to invest well in excess of a thousand dollars in these major importations. I am greatly pleased that I can now, for the first time, make these species available at prices within the reach of every Iris enthusiast. I hardly need point out that at these prices everyone will want them, and my stocks may soon become exhausted. So if you want either or both, order TODAY. Both for..... **\$6.95**

**GATESII (Onco)**—Coveted by every hybridizer—\$4.95

## King of Iris — **GATESII** — Monarch of Them All

MY GREAT FEATURE OFFERING FOR 1955 ★■ SEE EKTACHROME

This Year Reduced to \$4.95; 3 for \$11.95 While They Last

I am able at last, after years of effort, to offer this renowned rarity that is today the most sought of all Oncos. It has been wholly unavailable in this country for the past 25 years, since the time when the famous Onco-bred "William Mohr" was produced. I had expected to have to charge \$35.00 for *Gatesii* when I first imported it, but unexpectedly favorable conditions make it possible for me to offer it this year way below even the \$7.95 price at which I offered it last year.

Dykes states that with the possible exception of some Japanese Hybrids, *Gatesii* produces larger flowers than those of any other Iris. I find it considerably larger than the giant *Susiana*. A symphony of color, with silvery standards lined and dotted soft violet; falls olive cream finely netted and dotted in violet. Beard purplish bronze, very broad and diffuse, the largest found in any Iris, sometimes 1½" wide and 3" long, occasionally extending half way down the immense falls. I find that the form, color, beard, etc., are quite variable, as is customary with wild species. Many interesting types are expected in this new stock which is largely freshly imported, and hence as yet unbloomed in this country.

Native in the mountains of Turkey, much farther north than most Oncos, so is hardier, easier to grow. While the usual height is somewhat less, some of the plants of my strain of *Gatesii* have grown to a height of 33", which is most remarkable for any Onco.

Probably the latest bloomer of all Oncos, coinciding with the early and midseason Tall Bearded, a condition that makes it ideal for both ambitious hybridizers and exhibitors. At any show it will be the center of attraction for all present, as not one flower lover in a million has ever seen *Gatesii*.

From the hybridizer's viewpoint *Gatesii* is wholly unsurpassed. My natural-color Ektachrome shows clearly the extremely broad standards and falls, often over 4" wide. The hafts in front of the style crests are usually a full 3" wide, sometimes more. There has never been a Tall Bearded Iris that can even approach this as most of the latest introductions do well to reach 2" in width of haft. It is the dream of every hybridist to transfer this superb form to a tall vigorous new Oncobred with beautiful Onco veinings and large bold signal patch. Why not be the first to accomplish this? We all start together, now that *Gatesii* is available again. A great seed-setter; produces quantities of pollen. I suggest Air Mail for all orders for *Gatesii*, as you would not want your order to reach me after my stock is all sold. One rhizome of *Parisiana* FREE on request with every order for 3 of *Gatesii*; see "HYBRIDIZERS' OPPORTUNITY" at right. E-20".

"My last year's order included the 'one and only' *Susiana*, which 'took' the flower show here. Apparently this was the first one known here—the most beautiful Iris I have ever seen." Mrs. W. W. Scarborough, Dallas, Texas.

**HYBRIDIZERS' OPPORTUNITY:** As every hybridizer knows, the whole far-flung Mohr family of fascinating hybrids springs from the world-famous William Mohr. This came from the diploid Tall Bearded variety *Parisiana* x the Onco *GATESII*. While in time it may be found that many diploid and tetraploid bearded Iris will cross with *Gatesii*, such crosses are likely to be difficult, and the quickest approach is to start with the cross that has been found to succeed, and that resulted in William Mohr. This one hybrid does not begin to tap the untold possibilities from this most promising of all crosses of Bearded Iris and Oncos. William Mohr is nearly sterile, and if some enterprising hybridizer succeeds in creating an Oncobred like William Mohr but highly fertile, it will expedite future Oncobred breeding tremendously. I want hybridizers everywhere to have *Parisiana* to use with *Gatesii* but my stock of *Parisiana* is not sufficient to permit me to give one with each *Gatesii*. So this year I offer FREE on request with every order for three *Gatesii*, a complimentary rhizome of the original *PARISIANA*. With a single rhizome of *GATESII* I offer *PARISIANA* at \$2.00 each. Now hybridizers throughout the world who have been wishing for years for the opportunity to repeat this most famous of all Iris crosses, can at last realize this ambition. *Parisiana* is not offered by itself this year, in order that I may conserve my limited stock for this special combination offer. Obviously, the time to order is NOW.

## GATESII

This is the king! a giant of renown  
With broad, bronze beard, and with a turbaned head  
Where ruffled standards rig a royal crown;  
Their silver depths and violet dots are wed.  
The violet netted falls are olive cream . . .  
In all, *Gatesii* is a teasing dream.  
Hail, gay *Gatesii*! from this lineage came  
The mighty Mohrs, the charming Lady Mohr—  
A signal beauty setting hearts a-flame!  
And, from this great king, much is yet in store.  
When these *Gatesii* hybrids are unfurled  
It is the monarch of a magic world.

—George Nicholas Rees

"I took *Susiana* to the first Iris show in this city. News must have spread like wildfire, as several hundred extra people came the second day after hearing about *Susiana* from those who came the first day." Archer B. Carpenter, Boise, Idaho.

"Flowers belong to fairyland; the flowers, the birds and the butterflies are all that the world has kept of its golden age—the only perfectly beautiful things on earth."—OUIDA



No Need for Summer Watering

# Your IRIS FAIRYLAND

The ONCOS, REGELIAS and ONCOGELIAS, pages 4 to 8  
The Iris That Seem To Have Come From a Fairytale

## MEET THE ARILS (Oncos, Regelias & Oncogelias)

**THE ARILS:** These alone, of all the Iris, have seeds with prominent white arils or collars. No matter where you live, you can grow exotic Aril Iris, for they are being successfully grown by my customers in all parts of the United States.

**USES:** Aril Iris are so exciting and different from any Iris you have ever seen that they can be used advantageously to focus the spotlight of attention on YOUR garden, YOUR indoor arrangements, or YOUR exhibit at your local flower show. Also, they are simply superb for hybridizing, whether you are an amateur making your first crosses, or an experienced breeder eager to bring in exotic new blood lines. Specific uses for each of the three types of ARILS will be found under their respective headings.

**CULTURE and HARDINESS** (In brief): When preparing for planting, select a sunny well drained spot. Mix with the soil, well in advance of planting, some lime, bonemeal and a little complete fertilizer or finely pulverized manure. Provide ridges or raised beds to insure drainage. Plant about a foot apart, and cover rhizomes about 2 inches. In cold regions mulch bed with 2" or 3" of straw, or other light airy material (not leaves or manure). Remove mulch after danger of frost. In dry climates, rhizomes can be left in all summer. But where summer rains occur, or where garden beds are watered, it is best to dig rhizomes soon after naturally sparse foliage dies down. Dry thoroughly, remove tops, and store in a cool place in dry sand until October. Or, grow in a cold frame and use glass to keep off summer rains. Also adapted to pot culture if adequate drainage is provided and excessive watering is avoided. My MANUAL gives details of pot culture and many additional suggestions on out of door culture of ARILS—a new gardening adventure.

**SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Aril rhizomes are best shipped in the late summer or fall, in a dry condition. But order what you want NOW, by Air Mail, before supplies are exhausted. When you receive your precious ARILS store them in a dry place until planting time. Plant in the fall, and not before October 1, unless sprouting occurs earlier. They may be left in the bag of vermiculite in which they arrive but are better stored in dry sand. Avoid early fall planting, as this encourages undesirable fall and winter leaf growth. Aril rhizomes are naturally dry and bulb-like. The rhizomes of most Arils are not large—neither are diamonds. Aril flowers vary greatly in size from some of the small, dainty Regelias to certain of the Oncos, which are immense.

## SECRET VARIETY CLUES

This year I am even including six of the much-sought ARILS among the Secret Varieties available at two for the price of one, as explained on page 35. Each of the six varieties has one word in the description with only the final letter capitalized. Read the ARIL pages 4 to 8 very carefully and you should be able to find these 6 Secret Varieties so that you can ask for two of each when you order, but pay for only one of each. Happy Hunting!

**SARI** (Lupina) Wolf's Ear Iris ★■ E-15" This and Gatesii are the only Oncos with a strong greenish tinge. Falls silvery cream, heavily washed with light yellowish green. Unlike all other Oncos, the broad beard is light yellowish-green, and there is a very prominent maroon signal spot in the very center of each fall, lower down than in most Oncos. Style arms, distinctly greenish add to the highly unique effect. Standards silvery cream, heavily flushed soft maroon. Somewhat variable in coloring, like other wild species. Leaves sharply curved, in ram's-horn fashion. Offers exciting possibilities for hybridizers, particularly as it possesses the extreme cold hardiness of true Alpines, and comes from a northern latitude, the mountains of Turkey. Rhizomes quite small. .... \$2.50; 3 for \$5.95

**HAYNEI**—Huge Onco—\$7.95



SUSIANA—Famous Onco—\$2.50; 3 for \$6.25

**SUSIANA** — (Mourning Bride) ★■ This amazing Iris from the Holy Land has been a sensation wherever seen. It is enchanting, wondrous, may always be counted on to bring forth exclamations of amazement and delight. The flower is simply enormous. Startling effect is of a marvelous color symphony in silvery white and black. An abundant producer of pollen. One of the parents of Luna and Fair Enough. Quite hardy, but may need some protection in coldest areas. If you can't make your neighbors Oh! and Ah! with this, they're hopeless. The enormous demand I've had for Susiana has almost exhausted all available stocks both in this country and abroad. I have a few hundred available for early orders but cannot tell at this early date if I will be able to import enough to last all through the season. Many hundreds of my customers ordered Susiana too late last year after my supply was exhausted. For exhibition purposes Susiana is superb. I sent it to my friend Fisher Harris in Salt Lake City, in the region where cattle died of cold and snow. Susiana was grown out of doors. In spite of very severe winter, it bloomed finely. He entered it in the Utah Iris Society's show. I quote below from his report, plus comments of other enthusiasts. .... \$2.50; 3 for \$6.25

"It is an understatement to say that Susiana 'stole the show.' We had several thousand visitors, no more than a dozen of whom had ever seen Susiana or any other pure Onco. The result was that she not only stole the show, but, at times and almost literally stopped it, for—though she was placed next to the Queen (for which title she was not eligible)—no one saw the poor Queen. Instead, the aisle was blocked by those delighted and astonished at the exotic beauty of the almost incredible Susiana. Believe it or not, she was a full seven inches in diameter."

"I planted Susiana and it was beside the front porch and the temperature was 18° below about one foot above it, and it bloomed. I got such a thrill I made my mind up to have some more. I call it the jewel of my garden." Mrs. G. R. White, Farmington, Michigan.

"I have wonderful luck using Susiana as a house plant." Mrs. J. C. Allison, Waddington, New York.

"I was very pleased with the Iris I received last fall. Susiana was planted outside and had a lovely bloom this spring—was the talk of the country." Mrs. F. Foote, Duncan, British Columbia.

**HAYNEI** (Hayne's Iris) ■ E-15" An enormous, richly colored beauty from Mt. Gilboa, north of Jerusalem. Standards arched and gently waved, bright light mulberry. Falls bronzy crimson-black, with prominent intense mahogany-black signal. Pollen exceptionally abundant. A heavy seed-setter. Sets readily when crossed with various Oncos; occasionally when crossed with Regelias or Bearded Iris. Now's your chance! .... \$7.95

**NIGRICANS** (Black Iris) ★ E-12" Of all Oncos I have bloomed, this has attracted the most attention. Everyone tells his neighbor; it is not long before they appear, saying: "We heard you have a black Iris; may we see it?" As yet no Tall Bearded Iris can compete with the Black Iris for sheer blackness; but after seeing this, one can visualize a tall, graceful "Lady Mohr" in stunning ebony-black. Will you be the one to produce it? Pollen is plentiful. I have gotten as many as 46 seeds to a pod. Standards violet-black, brightening to a glossy red-purple at center; falls dark violet-black, with a conspicuous large black signal patch, the blackest I have ever seen in any flower. Beard bronzy-black. Blooms in April in its native home in the Moab district of Trans-Jordan, east of the Dead Sea. .... \$7.95

**ATROPURPUREA** (Crimson-Black Iris) ★ EE-12" One of the reddest Oncos I list. Standards uniform blackish crimson; falls crimson black, with large velvety jet-black signal. A smooth, deep coloring, not noticeably veined or dotted. Beard yellow, as is the area under it. One of the parents of Isolda and of other interesting hybrids. Try crossing it with Regelias or Bearded Iris. A bold, distinctive Iris, sure to command attention. Blooms in March in the wilds near Gaza, where Samson is credited with destroying the temple and burying the multitude. .... \$3.25; 3 for \$7.75

**TRUE ONCO COLLECTION** Gatesii, Sari and Susiana, only. .... \$8.95

**REFERENCES:** See my write-up of "Suggested Judging Standards for Arils and Arilbreds" in Bul. 130, American Iris Society, July 1953. Or better yet, send 50c to the American Iris Society, 3902 Hillsboro Road, Nashville 12, Tennessee, for a copy of the new "Handbook for Judges," covering all types of Iris.

This is World Headquarters for ARILS, and other UNUSUAL IRIS.

## The Hardy **REGELIAS** of Turkestan

These, Too, Are **ARILS**, but Very Different from **Oncos** and **Oncogelias**  
For **APRIL-MAY** Bloom

**ORIGIN:** While botanically very close to the **Oncos**, and requiring much the same culture, **Regelias** are of very different appearance. In place of the magnificence of the **Oncos**, we have here characters of elegance and refinement that admirably fit these flowers for **distinctive flower arrangements**, novel bouquets and simply **stunning corsages**. Unlike any other **Iris**, **Regelias** have beards on **BOTH** standards and falls.

**HYBRIDIZING:** A tempting field for new hybridizers is to try crossing various **Regelias** with **Susiana**, **Gatesii**, **Nigricans**, and other **Oncos**. Such hybridizing may easily be pioneering and exploratory, for many highly promising combinations have never been tried. My Manual (pages 36 and 37) gives various additional suggestions. The time to start is **NOW**.

**NATIVE HABITATS:** Turkestan and the western slopes of the lofty Himalayas.

**CULTURE, HARDINESS, SHIPPING and PLANTING:** General information given for **Arils** on page 4 is applicable. But as these originate at higher elevations and in more northern latitudes than the **Oncos**, they are less exacting, and in some sections require no special care. Easily grown throughout the U.S. except in Florida and near Gulf of Mexico.

### KOROLKOWI AND ITS COLOR FORMS

**KOROLKOWI** (Redvein **Iris**) This striking **Regelia** has the following four color forms, all remarkably distinct from each other. All have strange elongated flowers with conical standards. **Korolkowi** has its home in distant Bokhara and other parts of Russian Turkestan.

**KOROLKOWI PINK** ★■ VE-E-20" An exclusive offering available only at Rainbow Gardens. The pinkest and heaviest bloomer of **Regelias**. Standards and falls creamy-pink, with prominent maroon veins; a beautiful lavender-blue beard. Has pollen; a heavy seed-setter. .... \$2.50; 3 for \$4.95

**KOROLKOWI BROWN & GREEN** ★ VE-E-18" Strangest of **Regelias**, giving one a feeling of the mystery of the Himalayas. Imagine flowers of silvery white, merging to maroon at base. Signal lustrous dark chocolate with a green iridescence. Beard brown. Beautifully veined in brown. Ektachrome at right ..... \$2.00; 3 for \$3.95

**KOROLKOWI VIOLACEAE** ■ VE-E-18" Rare variant, white ground heavily flushed and veined red-violet. Best seed setter of **Regelias**. More **Oncogelias** have descended from this than any other. Try cross with Tall Bearded and **Oncos**. .... \$1.50

**KOROLKOWI CONCOLOR** VE-E-18" Uniform, deep heliotrope self, with pinkish tinge. Excellent parent. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

### STOLONIFERA AND ITS COLOR FORMS

**DECORATED GIANT** ⊗■ E-16" Very similar to the sensational **Decorated Delight**, but nearly twice as large and even more attractive. Standards amethyst-white, bordered with a beautiful rufous-chocolate edging and sharp veining. Falls velvety mahogany, veined dark crimson, and highlighted with a brilliant lilac-rose signal. Beard very prominent, almost pure white, flanked by white hafts strongly veined in golden brown. Stunning! A super de luxe variant of **Stolonifera**. You need it in your crossing. .... \$6.00

**DECORATED DELIGHT** ★■ E-20" Choice variant of **Stolonifera**. An exclusive offering and one of the most fascinating of the forms of **Stolonifera**. The one singled out and ordered more than any by our garden visitors. Unlike all other forms except **Decorated Giant**, this has white standards, heavily bordered with decorative veinings of pure brown. Falls bright rosy lavender, bordered and veined in brown. Striking and distinctive white beard. Dainty, beautifully ruffled flowers simply superb for corsages and arrangements. .... \$2.00; 3 for \$3.95

"Decorated Delight was the loveliest of all **Regelias**, a real beauty." Earl Roberts, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**STOLONIFERA CONICAL** E-20" A lovely bronzy lilac-pink. Coloring like **Stolonifera** and fascinating narrow, conical form of **Korolkowi**. Prominent soft blue beard. Appealing, useful for corsages and small flower arrangements. .... \$1.25; 3 for \$3.45

**STOLONIFERA (Runner **Iris**)** E-20" A memorable **Iris** of elongated form, frilled and waved. An indescribable blend of purplish rose, buff, set off by an electric blue beard. Its name is from its habit of increasing by stolons or runners. Sets seed. Pollen parent of 3 **Regelia** hybrids. Becoming scarce. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

**STOLONIFERA LEICHTLINI** E-20" Similar to typical species, but with deeper shadings of rustic brown, and more ruffled. Beard yellow. Seed parent of several **Oncogelias** ..... 75c

**THESEUS**—Superb **Oncogelia**, Page 7—Only \$1.50



**KOROLKOWI BROWN & GREEN—Regelia—Only \$2.00**

### HOOGIANA AND ITS COLOR FORMS

**LATE AMETHYST** ★ EM-M-20" Choice late variant of **Hoogiana**. At last a special selected form of the much-sought **Hoogiana** that blooms later than any other **Regelia**, in fact, with the early Tall Bearded, and often extending well into mid-season. Both flower lovers and hybridizers like this late-blooming habit. A large, lovely clear amethyst blue, flushed with deep amethyst in the center of the falls. Distinctive and appealing. Pollen plentiful. .... \$2.00; 3 for \$3.95

**BLUE JOY** ★■ E-18" Formerly called **Hoogiana Improved** this is a choice variant of **Hoogiana** improved in color and form. Uniform light blue, with almost none of the lavender so prominent in usual forms. Falls wider, more flaring, giving character to the bloom. .... \$1.50; 3 for \$3.35

**HOOGIANA (Blue **Regelia**)** E-18" Pale lilac blue to Oxford blue like lustrous satin, set off by a bright golden beard. Recently discovered in isolated portions of Southern Turkestan, not far from the almost mythical Tibet. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

**HOOGIANA PURPUREA** E-24" A rich, royal purple self, different from all others, with a deeper purple signal and a yellow beard. .... 60c; 3 for \$1.50

### PURE REGELIA HYBRIDS

Even more thrill-producing than the exotic **Regelia** species themselves are the rare hybrids of different **Regelias**—still pure **Regelias**, but not the original forms found in the wilds. Outstanding for their remarkable decorative beards. Try crosses aimed to transfer these unique beards to other types of **Iris**. See "Decorative Beards" in my Manual, page 23.

**LUCIA** (Lu-ci'a) ★■ E-20" Every spring the ladies go wild over this in my garden. A delightful pomegranate or wine red with the most striking beard imaginable—a gay, yet deep violet blue, the bluest beard of any **Iris**. Graceful flowers with narrow, erect standards, narrow down-hanging falls. A merry personality if there ever was one. Pollen bright green. Becoming scarce. [**Korolkowi** x **Stolonifera**] ..... \$2.50; 3 for \$4.95

"You started us on an exciting project. A couple of years ago because of your glowing description of **Lucia's** blue beard we bought her. We didn't really believe all you said in the catalog, but when she bloomed we found it was all you'd said. One look at that beautiful blue beard and we decided we'd put it on a regular **Iris**. **Lucia** set seed with Great Lakes and **Brunilde**." Mrs. T. M. Abell, Santa Monica, California.

**ORESTES** (O-res'tez) ★■ VE to E-18" In mythology of ancient Greece, **Orestes** was son of **Clytemnestra** and brother of **Electra**. Today it is a **Regelia** Hybrid milady can use most appropriately in a corsage, or by itself. A uniform rich mahogany red, tastefully decorated with a brown beard, high-lighted with bright violet iridescence. Gracefully frilled, waved, just right for decorating an evening gown. The earliest **Regelia**. An exclusive offering. [**Korolkowi** x **Stolonifera**] ..... \$1.75; 3 for \$3.45

**HOOGIANA BRONZE BEAUTY** ★■ E-24" Newest, largest and tallest of **Regelias**. The only distinct bicolor. Standards golden bronze veined in lavender. Falls long, narrow, dark wine-red, edged bronze. Beard cream, pointed. Gently waved. Utterly different! An extremely heavy seed setter. [**Hoogiana** x **Stolonifera**] ..... \$1.50; 3 for \$3.35

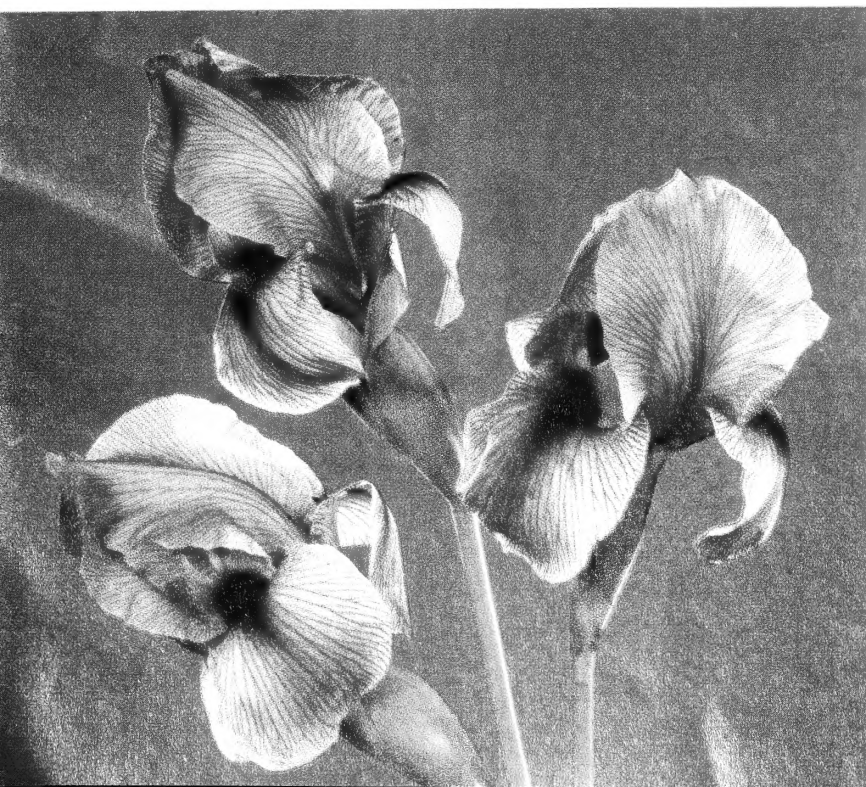
**VULCANUS** (Vul-kan'us) ★ E-17" Named for the Greek God of fire, flame and volcanic eruption, this is a bronzy scarlet tinted with crimson. Beard dark blue. [**Korolkowi** x **Stolonifera**] ..... \$1.50; 3 for \$3.35

### SAVE WITH REGELIA COLLECTIONS

**FANGIER'S and HYBRIDIZER'S SPECIAL**—5 of the very choicest: **Korolkowi** Pink, **Decorated Delight**, **Late Amethyst**, **Lucia** and **Korolkowi Concolor**, a \$10.00 value, for only. .... \$6.55

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**ECONOMIZERS REGELIAS**—**Hoogiana**, **Hoogiana Purpurea**, **Stolonifera**, **Korolkowi Concolor**, **Stolonifera Conical** for only. .... \$3.75





# The Amazing **ONCOGELIAS**—Aril Hybrids

From Crossing **ONCOS** With **REGELIAS**

For **APRIL-MAY** Bloom

**ORIGIN:** Let me introduce to you the new term **ONCOGELIA**, recently coined to more aptly and simply designate the marvelous family of **hardy** free-flowering hybrids resulting from crossing **ONCOS** with **REGELIAS**, and combining their good points. Heretofore these were termed **Regeliocycli**. I now have over 30 kinds under test, and am doing much crossing to produce my own new strain.

**USES:** Nearly all are **practically unknown to American gardeners**. So they constitute one of the best answers to that ever-present question of what to get for yourself or a friend that will really be different. When cut in bud, flowers will develop fully in water. Imagine the sensation that an assortment of these will cause in your garden, or at your flower show.

**CULTURE, HARDINESS, SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Same as for *Regelias*, page 6.

**HYBRIDIZING POSSIBILITIES:** There is **abundant opportunity here for the enterprising amateur hybridizer**, as true pinks, reds, yellows, etc., have not as yet been achieved and the field is wide open. Practically all of today's varieties, fine though they are, contain some infusion of lavender. Pure spectrum colors in this group would be a marvelous achievement.

**ORIGIN OF NAMES:** Many have been curious as to the origin of the names bestowed on these by their Dutch creators. Most are from the Greek, Roman and Norse mythology, as I explain below. Now you will have a feeling of informed confidence when a garden visitor asks the origin of a name.

## GOLDEN BRONZE TINTS

**CHARON** (Kar'on) ★■ EE-16" "Charon" is from ancient Greek mythology. Stands apart from all of my other *Oncogelia* listings due to its **entrancing unique golden bronze tints** and its **extreme earliness**. Standards light buff, flushed dark crimson, impressively veined in mahogany. Falls golden buff, veined in dark reddish mahogany, with **large black-mahogany signal**. Flower **glitters as if sprinkled with gold dust**. One of the very finest for hybridizing. Pollen bright yellow, plentiful. [Korolkowi Concolor x *Atropurpurea*]. In lifelike color below.....**\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95**

## PINKISH and REDDISH TONES

**ASPORINA** ★■ E-22" One of the most appealing of *Oncogelias* due to its uniform **deep orchid-rose color**, faintly veined in dark claret. A flower of large size, with an exceptionally smooth finish and tranquil tone, making a pleasing contrast with the **prominent black signal patch**, and wide, *Onco*-like, **black beard**. Visitors often choose this in preference to any other *Oncogelia* in our garden. Pollen bright green. **Almost equal to Luna as a seed-setter**. 1st Class Certificate, Haarlem, Holland.....**\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95**

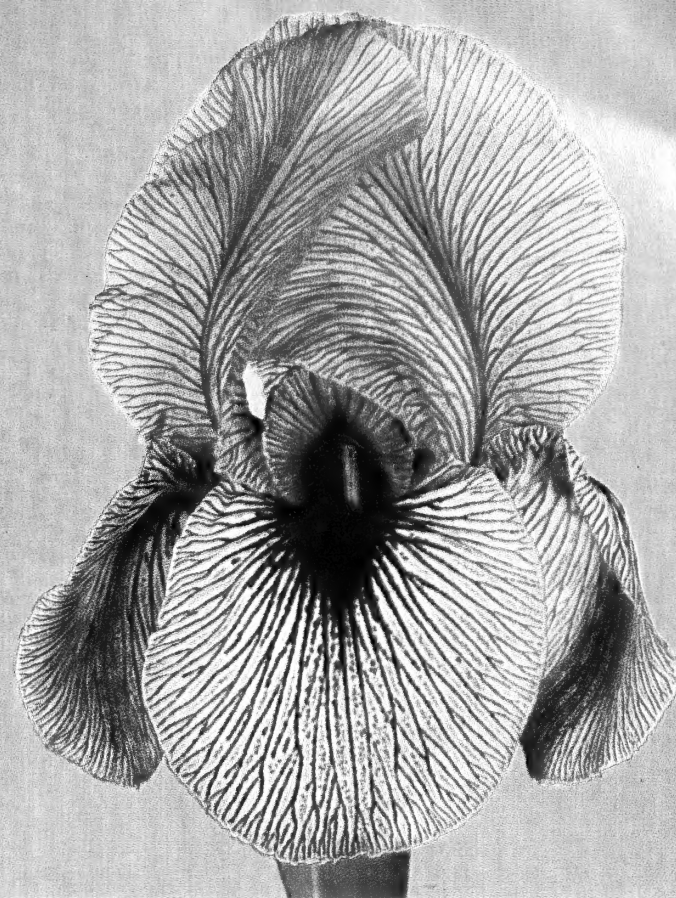
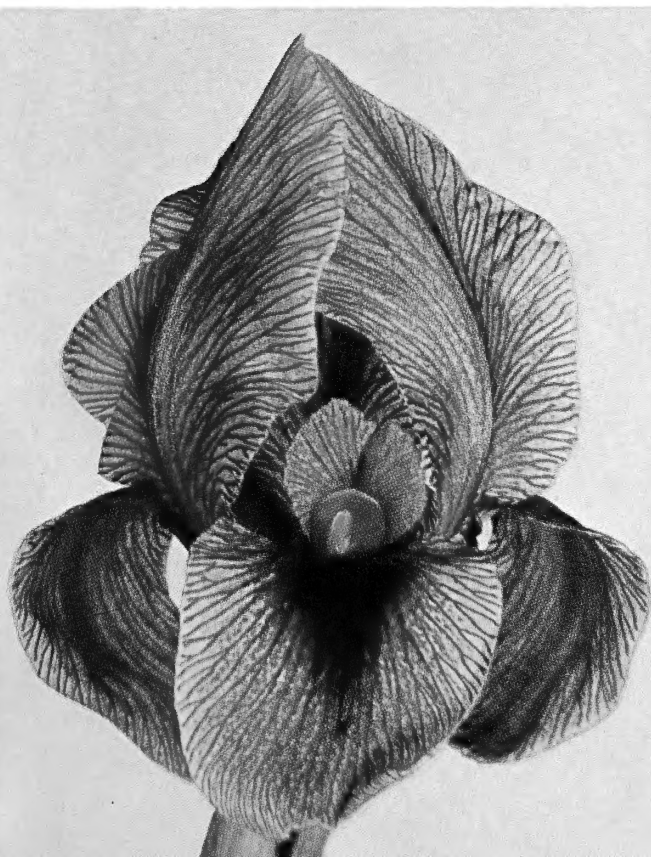
**ULYSSES** (U-lis'ez) ★■ E-16" Ulysses is the Greek hero of the *Odyssey*, supposedly written by Homer about 1000 B.C. Now his name is taken by the **pinkest of *Oncogelias***, one of the **very largest**. Not a true pink, as there are none yet, but much pinker than any heretofore available. Standards pleasing mal-low pink with fine wine-red veins. Falls blended pink and white with fine maroon veins, **maroon-black signal**, **black beard**. **Lovely**. Excellent seed setter, plenty of pollen. **One that should not be overlooked in hybridizing with *Oncogelias***. Blooms with early Tall Bearded facilitating hybridizing with them. F. C. C. Award, Haarlem .....**\$2.50; 3 for \$5.50**

**EUNICE** ★■ E-14" Eunice was a Jewess of Lystra, mentioned in the New Testament as the mother of Timothy. And now, by her name, we know Eunice, the *Oncogelia*, with more **red** in her make-up than any other I have seen. Nearly a self with pale **whitish pink** petals having numerous **fine dark red veins** and a **dark crimson signal** changing to nearly black in the center. In the sun the **petals sparkle as if dusted with silver**. Most distinctive and original of *Oncogelias*. Pollen blue, plentiful.....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**HERA** E-12" A very colorful and distinctive *Oncogelia* in a class by itself, as it is **very different from all of the others**. Standards bright pinkish mulberry, flushed white in center with darker veins. Falls deeper, pinkish purple, veined darker. Beard narrow, purple at end changing to white inside. Petals ruffled. Most *Oncogelias* greatly resemble the *Oncos* but **this one shows more of the *Regelia* influence**.....**\$1.25; 3 for \$2.85**

**TEUCROS** EM-18" One of the prettiest of *Oncogelias* and a **remarkable seed-setter**. Standards melting lilac-pink, with fine dark pink veins. Falls **glistening silvery white, flushed pink**, decorated with fine maroon veins and a **stunning dark maroon signal**. Beard maroon-black. Late for an *Oncogelia*. AM, Haarlem, Holland **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25**

**CHARON—Unique *Oncogelia*—Only \$2.50**



**LUNA—Stunning *Oncogelia*—\$2.00**

**LUNA** ★■ EE-18" This charmer named for Luna, Roman Goddess of the Moon. A favorite of visitors. Deep red-violet veins entrancingly etched on a smooth creamy ground, delightfully flushed with **pink** and lavender. Rich splash of purplish **black plush** in center of falls. Pollen green. Prized by hybridizers; **best seed-setter of *Oncogelias***. [Korolkowi *Violaceae* x *Susiana*]. See in color above.....**\$2.00; 3 for \$3.95**

**THESEUS** (The'sus) ★■ EM-21" In Greek mythology Theseus was the chief Attic hero, who conquered the Amazons and married their queen. Today, Theseus is among my favorite *Oncogelias*, as it is one of the largest, tallest and pinkest of them all. Standards **deep amethyst pink**, veined in dark mulberry. Falls similar, but with a silvery white border and a **signal and beard in black**. Yields **fertile pollen**. **Latest bloomer of all *Oncogelias***, coinciding with the early and midseason Tall Bearded; hence timed right for exhibiting at most Iris shows. For life-like color see page 6....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**ISIS** (I'sis) E-14" For this name the Dutch creators turned to Roman mythology, where Isis was the universal mother of nature, mistress of all the elements, and ruler of the gods. When you meet her in the garden she'll be wearing a bright violet carmine blouse and skirt of light maroon, heavily overlaid on a buff ground. As ornaments, signal patches of blackish maroon, and, strangely, a black beard. Bright and colorful. You'll want her to adorn your garden. AM Royal Hort. Society, England.....**\$1.25; 3 for \$2.85**

## HELIOTROPE, MULBERRY and MAROON

**AGATHA** ★ E-20" Silvery standards are flushed heliotrope, veined in dark violet. Falls silvery white, with heavy violet-black veins sharply etched, and radiating from very **large triangular maroon-black signal patches**. The flower is so large and the signal so prominent, it reminds one of one of the finest true *Oncos*.....**\$2.00; 3 for \$4.50**

**ARTEMIS** (Ar'te-mis) ★ VE-20" Named for the Greek Goddess of the Chase, known for healing and averting plagues. Today's namesake Iris will soothe your troubled thoughts and avert stagnation in any garden, for it is one of the **richest and deepest colored of all *Oncogelias***. Ground silvery cream, almost entirely over-laid and veined in bright, yet dark carmine-violet. Effect heightened by a **heavy black beard** and a striking black signal patch. [Korolkowi *Violaceae* x *Mariae*].....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

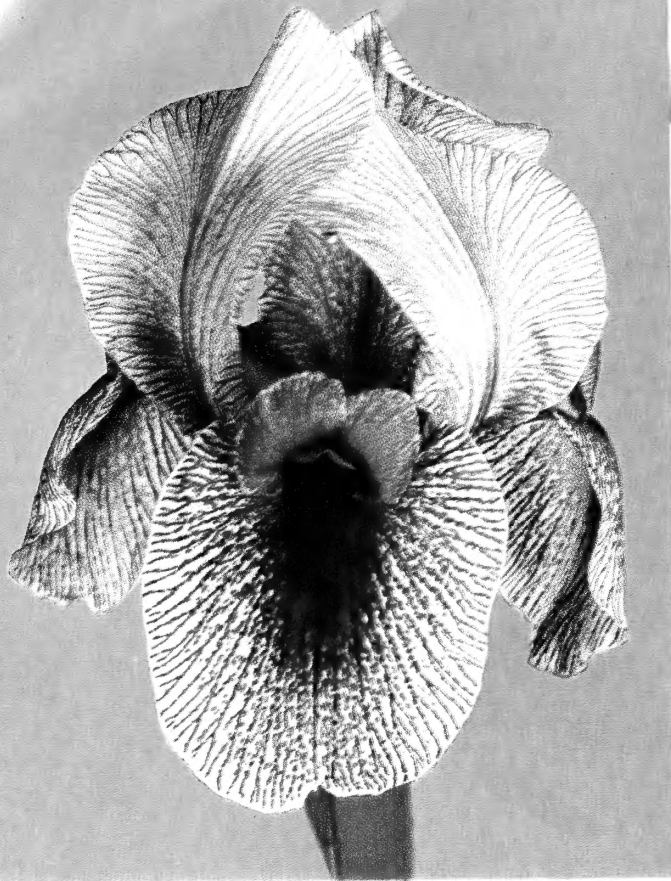
**HERMIONE** (Her-mi'o-ne) ★■ VE-22" In Greek legend Hermione was the beautiful daughter of Menelaus and Helen, and was carried off by Orestes. Today, as she adorns your *Oncogelia* garden, she is the **tallest and one of the very largest**. Her coloring is soft, alluring. A novel bitone. Standards flushed silvery mulberry, intricately veined purplish black. Falls silvery white, with striking black signal patch, broad black beard, and heavy veins of very dark maroon. Very exotic and *Onco*-like, yet a vigorous grower; so is ideal for starting your Aril collection.....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**PARTHENOPE** (Par-then'o-pe) ★ VE-15" The mythical Parthenope, one of the three Sirens, charmed admirers with her songs. The charm of the modern Parthenope lies in her lace-like veil. She is one of my favorites, as here the decorative lace-work, so characteristic of most *Oncogelias*, is particularly pronounced, due to sharp contrast between the dark veins and the light ground color. Petals almost **pure white, sparkling** as if dusted with silver; **veins in dark mulberry and maroon**, sharp and clear. Signal patch black, changing to maroon. **Beard black**, anthers chartreuse. Heaviest bloomer of *Oncogelias*. A 2-year-old clump from 6 original plants had over **100 flowers**, almost a solid mass of bloom.....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**CAMILLA** VE-11" A swift-footed virgin in Virgil's *Aeneid*; may be seen adding a bright spot of color to your *Oncogelia* garden. Of low stature, with a small flower of exceptionally brilliant purple, with a prominent blackish signal. Style arms nearly red, sharply contrasting. Try this in a corsage.....**\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25**

**ONCOGELIAS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

For new fascination and the magnetic attraction of Iris lovers to YOUR garden, try **ARILS**.



**ANDROMACHE—Famous Oncogelia—Only \$1.00**

**ONCOGELIAS — Continued from page 7**

**ANDROMACHE** (An-drom'a-ke) VE to E-18" In Homer's Iliad, Andromache was the devoted wife of Hector. In the garden she is a princess clothed in **silvery white and violet**, with a soft lilac veil. Heavy decorative veining. Signal patch claret-black, very prominent, like an Onco. Style crests wine-red, effectively setting off the flower. Has pollen, sets seed. [Korolkowi *Violaceae* x *Mariae*] In color above.....**\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25**

**HEBE** VE-14" Cupbearer of the gods on Olympus, crowned with flowers. Her namesake flower is among the first early Oncogelias to greet you in the spring. Her attire is light pinkish lavender, with deep maroon lacework, and a dark beauty spot.....**\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25**

**THOR** E-12" Distinctively colored. Standards whitish, heavily flushed and veined mulberry; falls silvery white, large maroon signal. Strange wide bronzy-grey beard.....**75c; 3 for \$1.80**

**FIDES** VE-E-18" An impressive flower named for Roman Divinity of Honesty. Resembles the richly colored Artemis. But here the falls are a bit lighter, with more white, the flowers not quite as large.....**75c; 3 for \$1.80**

**OBERON** VE-E-7" The only really dwarf Oncogelia, named for Oberon, King of the Fairies in medieval folklore. Standards deep amethyst, veined red-violet. Falls nearly white, with heavy veins and signal patch of blackish maroon-purple. Beard black. Ideal for rock gardens, low edgings.....**60c; 3 for \$1.50**

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**NATURE IS VARIABLE**

Mother Nature is very variable and Iris varieties differ greatly in the way the rhizomes grow. Some become huge, some large, some only medium. Also, rhizomes increase in size all summer, so in July, they will not be as large as in September. The Dwarfs obviously are tiny and always have small rhizomes. Likewise certain of the Intermediate, Border and Table Iris, and the lower-growing Autumn Bloomers, Oncobreds and Regeliabreds naturally produce fairly small rhizomes. I always send you **first class rhizomes** that are large and husky considering the type of Iris and the time when sent.

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**SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Summer and fall.

**CULTURE and HARDINESS:** Same as for Oncobreds, page 10.

**SAFFRON CHARM** (Benbow '54) ★■ E-28"

A strange, unusual flower so different even a novice can tell it is something out of the ordinary. Reverend Benbow produced this by crossing *Stolonifera* x a yellow Tall Bearded. Standards very ruffled, shimmering with bright saffron-yellow stitching, gradually blending to pale blue, giving a translucent effect. Falls lavender-blue blended with paler yellow, and have darker grey lines showing the Regelia blood in the ancestry. Beard grey, tipped lavender. The color effect is most intriguing. I predict once this becomes known, it will be in great demand. Stem branched carrying 5 to 7 flowers showing influence of Bearded parent. Leaves intermediate between two parents, remain green after flowering, rather than dying back as does *Stolonifera*. Saffron Charm is subject of an entire article "A New Regelia x Pagan Hybrid" in '53 Iris Year Book. In that publication, H. Senior Fothergill comments: "... fascinating thing in blue and yellow (and with peppermint stripes) ... here we have an Iris which is worthy of the respect even of those who genuinely are not attracted to unusual combinations of colour." Does not set seed; very fertile pollen parent.....**\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**GOLDEN BUTTERFLY** (Austin '54) ★ E-20"

Golden Butterfly gives us the well-known grace and charm of true Regelias in a hardy hybrid that can be grown in any garden bed right along with regular Tall Bearded Iris. Very distinctive, as this and Lemon Silk (below) are the very first true Regelia-type flowers done in yellow colorings. There are no yellow Regelias. Comes from famous Ola Kala x Hoogiana; has inherited the coloring from the seed parent and the form from the pollen parent, as may be seen in my color photograph. Also unique in that it is the first Iris introduced having a distinct white stripe down the center of each fall. Still further distinctive in that it is one of the first hybrids ever to be introduced that was grown from an embryo-cultured seed. I secured only one seed from this cross. Embryo of this seed was excised and germinated on agar for me by Dr. L. F. Randolph of Cornell University. Young seedling was sent to me when only 1½" high; now I have it increased to where I can begin to distribute it. Be the first to grow this lovely new type of hybrid.....**\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**LEMON SILK** (Austin '54) ★■ EM-30"

A perfectly lovely combination of clear lemon-yellow standards, rather tall, somewhat upright and closed, with creamy white falls having a tiny edging of yellow. Petals often faintly flushed rosy lilac. Has much the same silky finish and texture as Hoogiana which is famous in this respect. Flower, however, is 50% larger. Petals comparatively long, narrow, plainly showing Regelia in ancestry. Nicely branched, 7 or 8 flowers per stalk, often 3 out at once. Frequently several large buds are nearly ready to open at the same time; they are poised in an upright, well-spaced fashion like candles on a candelabrum. Pollen plentiful; use it in your crossing.....**\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**BENJAMIN** (Morris '50) ★ VE-11"

A very pretty and delightfully different coloring introduced from England that will appeal to all lovers of delicate and graceful effects. Petals cream-white with numerous fine veins in pale lime green, and a prominent green midrib in the standards. Falls marbled lilac and maroon, with yellow edging changing near harts to striking yellowish olive areas. Standards as well as falls are bearded, thus testifying to the Regelia in its parentage, namely: *Stolonifera* x Yellow *Chamaeiris*.....**\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95**

**HOOGSAN** (Samuelson '47) ★■ E-36"

Seed-parent, Hoogiana, is from Turkestan. Pollen-parent, San Francisco, was Dykes Medal winner in 1920. Both flowers and foliage strongly suggestive of Hoogiana, but on a much larger scale. A smooth delphinium blue. Leaf bases striking mulberry red—very beautiful.....**\$2.00**

**BEN AHDEM** (Morris '50) E-28"

The seed parent, Hoogiana, is from Turkestan. Pollen-parent is Benton Daphne. First of new English strain, Ben Ahdem has very pretty flowers resembling its Regelia parent, Hoogiana, but are a deep lilac-blue, and very much larger. Easy to grow. Flowers and increases with great freedom. **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25**

**FALLEN LEAF** (Williamson-Gersdorff '31) E-16"

A novel Iris ideal for cutting and easily handled in the garden like Bearded Iris, yet which looks for all the world like a true Regelia. Pointed Regelia-like flowers with long narrow falls. Standards reddish-wine; falls claret-maroon, becoming almost black around the decorative golden bronze beard. Slender graceful stems. [Korolkowi x Dwarf Bearded].....**\$1.00**

**LITTLE MASTER** VE-12"

A small exotic flower in rich colorings. Ideally adapted to delicate flower arrangements and corsages. Standards blue-lavender, heavily veined and edged in brown. Falls reflexed, veined, crimson-black with contrasting lilac beard. Spicy fragrance of carnations. [Stolonifera x Dwarf].....**60c; 3 for \$1.50**

**SPOTLESS** VE-18"

From the wide cross of Hoogiana pollinated with the Dwarf Elf Queen has come this hardy, floriferous gem, dainty, almost like a white Hoogiana in form of flower, but larger and easier to grow. Fine for corsages. A highlight of the early Iris Garden.....**2 for 95c; 5 for \$1.95**

**INTRODUCTION** — All three '54 Introductions, \$20.00 value, only.....**\$11.95**

**POPULAR REGELIABREDS** — Benjamin, Ben Ahdem, Little Master, Spotless.....**\$2.95**

**GOLDEN BUTTERFLY—My New Regeliabred—\$7.50**





# Iris **ODDITIES** and **RARITIES**

Iris from the Uttermost Parts of the Earth for YOUR Iris Wonderland

## Iris of CURIOUS FORM

**DOUBLE EAGLE** (Samuelson '54) ★■ M-40" Breeders have been searching for double Iris for decades, but until **Double Eagle** appeared none were sufficiently constant or outstanding to warrant introduction. Double Eagle is so sensational that I am glad to have it for my **feature 1955 Oddity**. Fortunately for hybridizers it is not the last word in double Iris, but leaves room for improvement. The first flowers that open and the last ones commonly have the usual three standards and three falls, but **flowers of the main bloom tend to toss aside what has been conventional for Iris for centuries**, and often develop with **six to twelve standards**, beautifully ruffled and waved. Heavy substance holds the multiple standards well apart, permitting the startling double effect to be fully apparent even from a distance. Normal **stigmas and pollen bearing anthers** are present but **the number is often multiplied**. The color is a rare shade of coppery chartreuse or greenish yellow, which immediately places it in the category of Iris **sought by breeders of greens**. A hardy, vigorous grower with tall, well-branched stalks and large flowers up to 7" tall and 6" wide. Comes from two seedlings derived from Hoogiana (Regelia) and the 5 Tall Bearded varieties: Magnifica (a pentaploid), Purissima, El Capitan, Helios and Dauntless. Not a freak that will soon revert to producing nothing but normal flowers, as it has been behaving in this manner for the past seven years. **Will set seed**. If it were a fully constant double it would easily be worth \$50.00, but as it leaves open the opportunity and challenge to fix this character, I offer it for only..... **\$15.00**

**CLEMENTINA** — A beautiful brand new flat-type Oncobred, page 10..... **\$20.00**

**THURLOW WEED** (Weed '43) ★■ EM-38" The **oddest and strangest Iris in my entire garden**. Instead of the usual 3 standards and 3 falls, which characterize practically all Iris, this has **6 nearly identical petals** that are **strongly curved and arched in open cup-like fashion**. The form of the flower is **more like a pitcher plant or fly-catcher**, or even a golden tulip, than an Iris. The 3 petals corresponding to falls sometimes have slight vestiges of beards down inside, but all 6 petals are quite beardless from external appearance. So this is, essentially, a **"Bearded" Iris without a beard**—and without petals that act as falls. There are no stamens, but stigmas are normal, so crossing would seem possible. A creamy white, heavily flushed and veined in yellow. **Life-like Ektachrome**..... **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

**RHYTHM** (Ballard '54) ★■ M to ML-24" Another phenomenal break in Iris form. The first flat Iris with **six bearded falls** ever to be introduced in this country. A **whimsical freak of nature**, entirely without the usual three standards characterizing all normal Iris. See June, 1953, Flower Grower, page 4, for description and photo. Coloring is deep indigo violet, except for whitish hafts with brilliant yellow beards, and prominent pure white style arms in center of flower. A novel item for arrangement fans. While not highly fertile, some seedlings from Rhythm have been produced by Mr. Ballard, and it thus offers an intriguing challenge to adventurous breeders eager to get this highly distinctive form in various bright new colors. Be the first to accomplish this. A diploid with 24 chromosomes. [Alcazar x Archeveque] x Candelabra]..... **\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**YELLOW EAGLE** (Austin '54, Milestone Series) EM to ML-36" A new Tall Bearded Iris that has greatly impressed our visitors on two scores. First, many of the flowers flatten out like wings of an eagle, or like a Japanese Iris, within a day or so after they open. These **huge flat flowers often have a spread of 7" or more**, and are ideal for use in a shallow type container on the dining table. Secondly, while Yellow Eagle is high branched, it produces such a **great profusion of blooms** that it attracts everyone's attention from across the garden. Blooming season extends from early to late. A light yellow self with a bright yellow beard. **Should be in the collection of every breeder working for flat-type Iris form**. [Snow Flurry x Spun Gold]..... **\$3.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**DOROTHEA** □★ M-16" Trim modern form with nicely arched standards and stiff flaring falls? Goodness no, this has that delightful **wind-blown effect which departs from all formality**. A pale lavender white, flushed and dappled amethyst. May prove useful in breeding toward Bearded Iris of a flat "Japanese" style. **AM RHS '16**..... **75c; 3 for \$2.10**

## A Newly-Discovered CALIFORNIA NATIVE Iris

**MUNZII** E-24" This is my first cataloging of a species so little-known that even the ever-inquiring botanists did not find it until very recently—and so spectacular that even the conservative botanists burst into superlatives in describing it. **Munzii is so large and so tall that all other Western Natives are dwarfed by comparison**. In its native habitat at 2,000 feet in Sierra Nevada foothills of Tulare County, it grows to a height of 32". The **spread out flowers sometimes measure as much as 5½" in diameter**, which is almost unbelievable for a California native Iris. The color varies from **pure true sky-blue to bluish violet and red-purple**. Jean Stevens states that the blue forms have a purity of blue color unknown in any other rhizomatous Iris. In fact, the whole plant reminds one more of a tall Dutch Iris than a California wilding. Offered in mixed colors only..... **\$4.00; 3 for \$7.95**

## Iris Splashed with EXOTIC MARKINGS

**TENSLEEP** (Moore '52) LM-36" The latest and one of the most startling of this series of peculiar Iris. The coloring is **white, heavily and variably marked in dark blue**—in fact, the marks are so strange and irregular that **no two flowers are alike**. Large, well-shaped flowers on nicely branched stalks. Plant it where you want to catch your visitors' eyes. They can hardly pass it by. Originated in Northern Wyoming, so is fully hardy. [Tiffany x Cinnamon Bear]..... **\$10.00; 3 for \$19.95**

**KALEIDOSCOPE** (Katkamier '49) □ EM-25" One for Ripley. Yes, a believe-it-or-not Iris in a realistic kaleidoscope pattern. Conceive, if you can, falls in ivory white, **boldly and erratically marked with extremely variable veins and blotches of dark maroon**, all the sharp defined edges contrasting strikingly with the ground color. Standards, light yellow. A **strange freak of nature** like this is genetically known as a **chimera**. This variety is a delicate and graceful Table Iris on a slender stem, and it will make the most striking bouquets imaginable..... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25**

**DAFFY** (DeForest '47) □ M-38" While generally classed as a plicata or fancy, it is a strange one indeed! For here the creamy-white ground of the falls is **peppered and boldly marbled and zebra-striped** in maroon-violet in an infinitely variable manner. Also valuable to hybridizers, as this striking color-pattern often appears in its seedlings..... **\$1.25; 3 for \$3.45**



**THURLOW WEED—Oddity in full bloom—\$3.00**

**HARLEQUIN** (Stevens '49) ★ ML-32" A fantastic Iris that looks as if it has Onco blood, but apparently is pure Tall Bearded. Silvery falls have a perky horizontal flare, not only veined like a butterfly's wings, but bizarrely stippled, dappled chocolate and purple to match feathery standards. Exotic, never-to-be-forgotten. Its weird beauty makes visitors exclaim. Like King's Jester but I prefer this as it has **much heavier and broader flower parts**. [Seedling x Tiffany]..... **\$2.00**

## ORNAMENTAL-SEEDED IRIS — For Winter Bouquets

**CHRISTMAS IRIS** (Iris foetidissima) 24" The only Iris with ornamental seed pods that burst open exposing the brilliant scarlet seeds, for all the world like red holly berries. Splendid dark green, evergreen foliage. Iris fans could wish for nothing finer or more decorative for the Christmas dining table. Flowers inconspicuous. The **best of all Iris for shady spots**; yet it thrives in sun. Fully hardy..... **2 for \$1.55; 5 for \$2.95**

**BLACKBERRY-LILY or LEOPARD FLOWER** (Belamcanda chinensis) VL-28" Flowers, **bright orange, crimson spotted**, followed by glossy "blackberry" seed clusters, **admirably fitted for winter bouquets**. Most economically started from seeds, which are easily grown and often flower the first summer. Hence I offer **seeds only**. (Shipped in Oct., after ripening)..... **Packet \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00**

## Novel CRESTED IRIS — (Evansia)

**CRISTATA, BLUE** VE-3" A dainty and lovely miniature crested Iris that makes a perfect low border or ground cover in any partly shaded area. Flowers very pretty, lilac-blue. Each fall has a **bright golden crest, like a rooster's comb**, surrounded with white and bordered with violet. Likes acid soil and moisture and is the only Crested Iris that can be used in **either water-side plantings or in regular garden beds**. You'll adore this hardy little gem, so utterly different from most Iris..... **75c; 3 for \$1.75**

**TECTORUM ALBUM** 15" The beautiful and rare white form of this lovely wild species that is called the "Roof Iris," as it's grown on the thatched roofs of Japan. Dykes considers Tectorum the **best garden plant in the Evansia Section**. Its broad leaves are strongly ribbed and most attractive. Flowers quite flat as standards extend out nearly horizontally. The falls have a **jagged white crest**..... **\$1.25**

**PALTEC** (Evansia-Bearded) □ EM-18" A hybrid resulting from crossing two entirely distinct types of Iris, namely Pallida, from Tyrol in Austria, with Tectorum from Yunnan in southwestern China. A dainty sky-blue self of rare beauty, having the **beard of Pallida superimposed on the crest of Tectorum**..... **75c; 3 for \$2.10**

## The Two CREPE PAPER Iris

**ZUA** □★ VE-14" The original crepe-paper Iris with petals more crinkled and creped than in any other variety. An early-blooming Intermediate Iris that takes everyone's fancy. A most unusual and interesting **frosty-white**, faintly flushed pale blue. I have no other Iris like this, except its sport, Elizabeth Huntington, listed below. These two would seem to offer breeders great possibilities in developing a whole series of rainbow colors with flowers having this distinctive texture. [Sport of Florentina] **75c; 3 for \$2.10**

**ELIZABETH HUNTINGTON** ★■ VE-20" Most novel of all blue Iris. A most remarkable and interesting Intermediate Iris with **petals heavily crinkled like crepe paper**. Large flowers in **lilac-blue**, deeper in the falls. Pollen plentiful. [Sport of Zua]..... **75c**

## ONCOGELIA Oddity

**SIRONA** ■ VE-11" Like a precious gem is this stunning miniature Oncogelia, reminding one of jewels in an elaborate setting. Standards deep wine. Falls white, flushed pink, with **sharp black veins radiating out from the black signal occupying nearly half of each fall**. Falls round, horizontally flaring. Comes from that exotic Onco, Paradoxa. Don't miss SIRONA now, for I'm liable to be out of it next year. [Korolkowi Leichtlini x Paradoxa]..... **\$1.50**

**CHOICE ODDITIES** — Rhythm, Yellow Eagle and Harlequin for only..... **\$8.95**

**BEGINNER'S ODDITIES** — The five marked □ for only..... **\$3.25**

# Discover the Fascination of **ONCOBREDS** or Onco-Bearded Hybrids

The Appeal of the ONCO in Hybrids Grown As Easily As Bearded Iris

LARGEST COLLECTION IN EXISTENCE

For APRIL-MAY-JUNE Bloom

**ORIGIN and NOMENCLATURE:** Diverse names have been used for this class of wonderful hybrids of Oncos with Bearded Iris, but Clarence White's apt term "Oncobreds" is simplest and best. They have been called Pogocyclis, Eupogocyclis and Oncopogans.

**MOHRS:** All of the large ever-increasing family of Mohrs belong in this category, as they all contain both Onco and Bearded blood, and are descendants of the original "William Mohr."

**CHARACTERISTICS and USES:** As compared with Tall Bearded Iris, these Oncobreds stand out as being highly distinctive and different. They have an amazing array of novel color patterns, some of which are just out of this world. Due to their Onco ancestry, many have broad rounded form surpassing even the newest and finest in Tall Bearded Iris. I have for years been predicting a RAINBOW OF ONCOBREDS. Now this is being unveiled before your eyes. Below are the world's most complete offerings in this line—not just the original purples and lavenders from a few breeders, but varieties from 24 hybridizers, distributed through 13 DISTINCT COLOR AND PATTERN CLASSES. You should have at least one or two in each class to really understand what the new Oncobreds can do for your garden.

**EXPRESSION OF ONCO CHARACTERS:** Oncobreds vary greatly in the degree to which they exhibit externally the Onco that is in their genetic makeup. Some resemble true Oncos fairly closely, while in others there is no visible evidence of Onco characteristics. Yet the presence of an Onco in the genealogy should make them easier to cross with Arils, and other Oncobreds. The newer and finer Oncobreds are getting closer and closer to the alluring fascination of true Oncos, and are easier than Oncos to grow.

**CULTURE and HARDINESS:** The great majority of these have inherited the sturdiness of the Bearded Iris and can easily be grown as explained for Tall Bearded on page 20. A few are strongly Onco-like and are better handled a little more like Arils (page 4).

**SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Summer and fall, like Bearded Iris.

**AVAILABLE SOON:** Bali Agha, Bamboo, Beisan Aga, Black Joppa, Chenik Aga, Conquest, Coronation Tapestry, Easternmohr, Jalla Effendi, Kalifa Fatima, Laban Effendi, Mary Valentine, Mauve Dust, Moab, Mt. Ararat, Mt. Sinai, Parvar, Tantalizer, Westways.

## SECRET VARIETY CLUES

On the Regeliabred or Oncobred pages, 8, 10, 11, 12 or 15, you will find, if you look closely, three of the hidden Secret Varieties, each available at two for the price of one, as explained in full on page 35. They vary greatly in price. "Nuf Sed."

## My '55 and '53 ONCOBRED Introductions

**CLEMENTINA** (Austin '55) ★★ EM-34" This is the hugE, heavily-marbled Oncobred that attracted the attention of so many of our visitors in 1954. As the flower first opens it is often of nearly normal Iris form, but within a day or two many of the flowers flatten out so that both standards and falls extend out nearly horizontally. While it is hard to imagine for any Iris, these immense flowers sometimes have a spread up to 9 inches. The unique flat Iris blooms are ideal for use in a shallow container on the dining table. Named CLEMENTINA because of the striking resemblance of the huge flat flowers, to those of clematis blossoms. The color of this new giant is most appealing, being a pale bluish lavender, heavily marbled with deep amethyst. Either flat or in the normal Iris form the marbled coloring is so exquisite that I had more requests for this last spring from visitors than for any other variety not introduced at that time. A very heavy bloomer, producing a mass of flowers. Resulted from a seed embryo—cultured for me by Dr. L. F. Randolph. A splendid seed setter, producing good seed for me in 1954 when crossed with Gatesii, Capitola and Ib Mac True. [Snow Flurry x Capitola].....\$20.00

JOPPA PARROT — Onco-like Oncobred — \$5.00



**MAGIC LIGHT** (Austin '55) ★★ EM-30" A highly interesting new Oncogeliabred resulting from crossing the Oncogelia Theseus with pollen of the Tall Bearded Iris Pink Formal. Standards bewitching silvery-pink, veined dark crimson. Falls silvery-rose, becoming misty crimson in the center, and darkening to a blackish maroon signal at end of the bronze beard. The dark crimson veining gives us the charm of Theseus in a hybrid readily grown right along with Bearded Iris.....\$15.00; 3 for \$33.75

**PINK MARBLE** (Austin '55, Milestone Series) ★★ E-24" Probably the first Iris ever introduced with white marbling in the green leaves. A curious and decorative phenomenon giving an appearance quite distinct from the striping in the leaves of Zebra. As might be expected for this cross of Cherie x Capitola, the flower color is pink, in fact, it is a bright orchid-rose self. The form is full and rounded, with broad petals and stiffly arched standards, typical of true Oncobreds. Grown from embryo-cultured seed.....\$5.00; 3 for \$11.25

**BLUE ABALONE** (Austin '55, Milestone Series) ★ EM to M-32" Anyone who has seen the wondrous varying colorings and reflections from an abalone shell will readily grasp the novel color pattern of this distinctive new flower done in tones of blue. Standards pale lilac blue. Falls deep lilac blue, changing to paler at edge, with striking brown veins at haft beside the unusual heavy and bright tangerine beard. [Elmohr x Abalone Shell].....\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

**MOHR ELEGANCE** (Austin '53, Milestone Series) EM-32" A new Oncobred from Snow Flurry x Capitola. Lovely coloring and exceptionally elegant form. A pale amethyst with a light yellow beard. Standards strongly arched, very stiff and precise in styling. Falls also of heavy substance, quite flaring. Very clearly shows the Onco in its ancestry.....\$2.50; 3 for \$5.50

**PERSIAN MOHR** (Austin '53, Milestone Series) EM-33" An Oncobred from Golden Majesty x Capitola with texture and form clearly showing its Onco ancestry. Standards large and very round, silvery violet. Falls, dark mulberry with a rug-like texture and interesting pattern of intricate brown markings. Beard golden bronze. \$2.25; 3 for \$5.95

## GOLD, BUFF and BROWN

**REAL GOLD** (Austin '51) ★★ M-24" My new Oncobred. The nearest approach to real gold color (not yellow) yet attained in Iris. Standards glistening gold buff. Falls deep gold buff, enhanced by harmonizing soft brown veins and a golden bronze beard. Admired by our visitors. Has definite Onco characteristics and is quite unlike any other. Falls broad, quite flaring, up to 6" spread. A terrific increaser; you'll have a big clump with lots of bloom in short order. Yields good pollen. [Golden Majesty x Capitola]. Real Gold is this year's announced Secret Variety. See page 35.....\$8.00; 3 for \$15.95

**EXPERT OPINION:** "I like Real Gold. It is much the best of the Onco hybrids that I have seen and I've seen about all of them."—Geddes Douglas, Editor, Bulletin of American Iris Society.

"We enjoyed the convention and especially your Real Gold." Wiley and Elizabeth Absbire, Edmond, Oklahoma.

**GOLD SMOKE** (Clarke '52) ★ 34" Here is the very newest addition to the Rainbow of Oncobreds. A beautiful and unusual coloring—a lustrous, smoky gold or gold russet with a suffusion of soft lilac below the broad brownish-tan beard. Large, perfectly proportioned flowers, with broad standards and falls. Flowers borne on tall, well-branched stalks. [Anita Catherine x Unknown].....\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95

**MOHRESQUE** (Keith '50) M-40" A real knockout that has attracted a lot of attention because it is so different. Standards light brown, falls yellowish buff at edges, deepening to nearly chartreuse at hafts with purple flecking in the falls, which are wide and full, as Oncobreds should be. Presumably came from Doxa x Zwannenbug, but is ever so much larger and taller than either of these. Will set some seed. Try crossing with other Oncobreds. HM'52.....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

**MERMAID**—A very early bronze bitone. Pale lavender standards, light yellow buff falls, marked maroon. VE-15".....\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

## Strange MARBLED and MULTICOLORED Effects

**JOPPA PARROT** (White '48) ★★ E-24" Most startling, bizarre Iris in whole array of colorful Oncobreds! Mr. White has used Oncos to produce many strange color combinations bordering on the unbelievable, but never one like Joppa Parrot. Standards fully rounded, cupped, Onco-like, light mauve, heavily, irregularly streaked soft mulberry. Falls rounded, strongly convex in Onco fashion, bronzy gold, with an intricate pattern of cinnamon-red and yellow, exploding into bold streaks of mulberry black. Beard also Onco-like, very broad, prominent, golden bronze. Superb for seekers of the unusual, and for hybridizers. One of the 3 most potent and useful Oncobred pollen parents known. Among its diverse offspring are exciting colorbreaks from chartreuse yellow to dark olive-green, veined in red. Onco-like, so be sure to provide good drainage, winter mulching in cold regions. Order TODAY if you want this. Rhizomes small. See Ektachrome at left. ....\$5.00

"The plants you sent me in August 1954 arrived in perfect condition and went ahead straight away. Joppa Parrot now has 13 leaf growths." Mrs. N. H. James, Ferndale, Cape Province, South Africa.

**NEAR EAST** (White '39) ★ E-24" An astonishing ruffled Iris, immediately reminding one of the curious colorings and distinctive texture of a Persian rug. Light yellow, marbled and overlaid with maroon dots and fine lines. Bold dark maroon veins at haft. Odd and highly interesting. ....\$1.25; 3 for \$3.45

**SUSAN OF HILLY**—Amethyst, pale yellow and mother of pearl. EM-24".....75c

## Bewitching CHARTREUSE Blends

Variable and Surprising Approaches to Green

**MOHR MAJESTY** (Walker '52) ★ M-36" One of the largest of all Oncobreds, done in lovely chartreuse-buff with typical Onco veining in wine red. Petals extremely broad with standards magnificently domed in typical Onco fashion. A sensational flower and a great accomplishment for Mr. Walker, particularly since it comes from that great but difficult seed parent, William Mohr. HM'52 — [William Mohr x Golden Majesty].....\$7.50





**GREEN MOHR—Bewitching New Oncobred—\$4.00**

**GREEN MOHR** (Muhlestein '51) ★■ ML-40" The first new Wm. Mohr descendant resembling the world-renowned Lady Mohr, and carrying the marked chartreuse coloring still farther. A most surprising and appealing color. A silvery grey flushed with greenish yellow, greenest when flower first opens. Large soft lavender flush in center of falls. An extra large flower of full Mohr form and with very definite Onco characteristics. Buds strongly olive green indicating the large amount of green in the make-up of this flower. A substantial step in the direction of real green self; should be crossed with Lady Mohr and the best of the greenish Tall Bearded varieties, notably those I list under heading "The New Greenish Tones." Will set seed, has plentiful pollen. HC'50; HM'52—[William Mohr x Chosen]. See life-like photograph above. **\$4.00**

**APPRAISAL:** "Visitors were stopped 'dead in their tracks' by a magnificent display of new Onco hybrids including . . . Green Mohr, a huge chartreuse variety." Report in A.I.S. Bulletin, 128 on visit to Prof. Harrison's garden in Massachusetts. "The increasing brigade of breeders of Onco-pogons will be doing their best to cross Green Mohr and Lady Mohr in a hunt for recessives!" H. S. Fothergill, 1951 British Iris Year Book.

"Everyone seemed to like Green Mohr." Larry A. Gaulter, A.I.S. Bulletin 131.

**LADY MOHR** (Salbach '44) □■ EM-36" Unsurpassed value, for Lady Mohr is now a dollar and has been very close to top of all Irisdom. Sixth from top of '50 and '51 Symposiums; 3rd in voting for '49 Dykes Medal. Standards oystershell white infused lavender. Falls bewitching seafoam or chartreuse yellow. Thus she harks back to her great grandparent, the exotic Gatesii from Turkey. A tall giant, with 6 buds to a stem. Abundantly fertile. HM'44; AM'46 — [Alta California x King Midas] x Capitola] **\$1.00**

#### Decorative VEINED Beauties

**FANCYWORKS** (Craig '51) Ⓝ EM-40" Truly a novel flower for it is the new fancy plicata pattern combined with Mohr-type veining, particularly on the standards. In effect a burgundy self but actually intricately and delicately patterned with varying deeper tones of this color on the lighter ground. Typical Oncobred flower form combined with tall, vigorous stem characteristics of bearded Iris. Flaming mulberry leaf-bases add to the brilliant effect. [(Tiffany x Los Angeles) x Sib] x Capitola]. **\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55**

**BUTTERFLY WINGS** (White '46) ★ M-36" An Oncobred as beautiful and as captivating as the wings of a tropical butterfly, veining that comes from its grandparent, Susiana. I picture a whole cluster of Butterfly Wings, like a swarm of freshly alighted butterflies. Above, the coloring is translucent lilac blue—below, it is rich parchment prominently veined in mulberry, crimson and russet brown. The exotic charm of true Oncos, but borne on yard-high, well-branched stalks. A real accomplishment for Clarence White, but this need not be trail's end. This rare hybrid is fertile, may well be the best seed-setter of all Oncobreds. I have a wide array of promising new seedlings just coming into bloom from Butterfly Wings x Rocket, Chivalry and other favorites of mine. Now you try it. Out-sold all other Oncobreds in its price class. Order NOW. Later will be just too late. HM'47—[Pink Jadu x Susiana] x (Theme x Sacramento)]. See Ektachrome. **\$2.00; 3 for \$3.95**

**KISH** (White '47) Ⓝ EM-18" A delightful free-flowering Iris that is one of the best of all of the Oncobreds as a cut flower. Standards white, veined in violet; falls veined and closely dotted with violet and with a maroon signal patch like an Onco. Very popular. **\$1.50**

**MYOMY** (White '47) EM-24" Pronounce it Mi-Oh-Mi for emphasis. Petals white, faintly tinged pink, neatly edged with rosy heliotrope stitchings, deeper in falls. Sharply pointed mulberry signal patch at end of yellow beard points downward into clear white fall. Style crests frilled and lacinated, lilac-rose. **\$1.50**

**MOZO** □ E-30" Elaborate Onco-like red needlework on cream. **75c**

**SHERIFFA** □ M-36" Exotic, deep blue, veined dark red. Iridescent. **75c**

**SUEZ** □ M-33" Combines colors of parents, Wm. Mohr and Mme. L. Aureau. Patterns of striking lining and dotting, oriental mulberry, heliotrope. Fertile. **75c; 3 for \$1.80**

**OYEZ** (White '38) ★ E-28" A jewel-like Oncobred of such exceptional fascination that it always draws a crowd. Imagine rounded pinkish white standards, etched with veins of dark rose; falls horizontally flaring, pinkish cream, strikingly and precisely veined in blackish maroon, culminating in a signal of the same color. Standards open, exposing the rich chestnut cream styles, in sharp contrast to the rest of the coloring. Order early. AM'41. **\$1.25; 3 for \$3.50**

#### Fascinating ORCHID-PINK Colorings

**COQUETRY** (Scheiner '41) Ⓝ EM-25" A winsome and delicate Onco-like flower with quaint ruffling. Standards cupped and closed, white, flushed and finely veined in lilac. Falls light lilac pink, with silvery-white center and fine pink and maroon dots. Beard wide, Onco-like, bronze and maroon. Style crests prominent and decorative, pinkish buff. Comes from two famous Oncos, Gatesii and Lortetii, crossed with each other and then with the Bearded Iris Midwest. One of the few known tetraploid Oncobreds, with 48 chromosomes. So it should cross with most modern Tall Bearded and give you intriguing progeny. **\$5.00**

**ROSEMOHR** (Lewis '49) M-40" A new addition to the famous Mohr family that is the largest and tallest of the Mohrs in pink tones. Huge rosy pink flowers with flaring slightly ruffled falls and typical Mohr veining. John Ohl, the Kansas Oncobred enthusiast, reports that this appears very good as grown there. [Ormohr x Red Valor] **\$3.50; 3 for \$9.55**

**LAUREL HILL** (Plough '49) L-30" Bright rosy lavender, with characteristic Onco veining and nicely rounded standards and falls. A very large flower, leathery substance, nicely flaring falls. Hardy, taking cold winters and torrid summers in its stride. No pollen; a good seed setter, of great value to hybridizers. A William Mohr derivative. Full pedigree, on request with orders. [William Mohr x Old Home]. **\$1.50**

**PRESENT** (White '41) ★ E-32" Like a triumphant queen, tall, breath-taking. A hybrid retaining the exotic Onco charm. Soft alluring amethyst-pink, embroidered like handiwork of the East with a fine tracery of deep pink veins, set off by a blackish rose beauty spot at end of beard. HM'47; AM'49 — [Onco x Bearded]. **\$1.25**

**ILLUSION** (Kleinsorge '43) VL-34" A captivating soft pastel—an ethereal, pearly orchid-pink that leaves one breathless. Flowers very large, well formed. Beard brown-tipped, ending in a highly novel crest. Exquisite, will bring forth plenty of Oh's and Ah's. HM'47 — [Ormohr x Red Cross]. **\$1.00**

#### Distinctive REDDISH Tones

**NEW LOOK** (Johnson '52) ★ M-ML-34" Without doubt, the largest, finest red Oncobred available today. Standards heavily substantiated, deep wine-red, strangely upright, enabling one to look into the heart of the flower and marvel at the yellow style arms, nearly twice as large as in ordinary bearded Iris. From the Onco ancestry comes a wonderfully exquisite tracery of veins and dots. Falls quite flaring, heavily-substantiated, very velvety, crimson-red, veined in dark red. Beard broad, golden brown. A wonderful and very distinctive new creation. Certainly among the finest of the Wm. Mohr seedlings ever produced. [William Mohr x probably Bruno]. **\$3.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**FAR CROSS** (White '41) □ E-34" Bold, unusual-looking, from a wide cross. Mulberry standards. Plush-like blackish-crimson falls. Fertile. **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25**

**GYPSY KING** (Lothrop '44) □ EM-35" A bold flower, done in gypsy coloring. Claret red, with broad velvety falls. Abundant pollen. [Sdlg. x Far Cross]. **\$1.00**

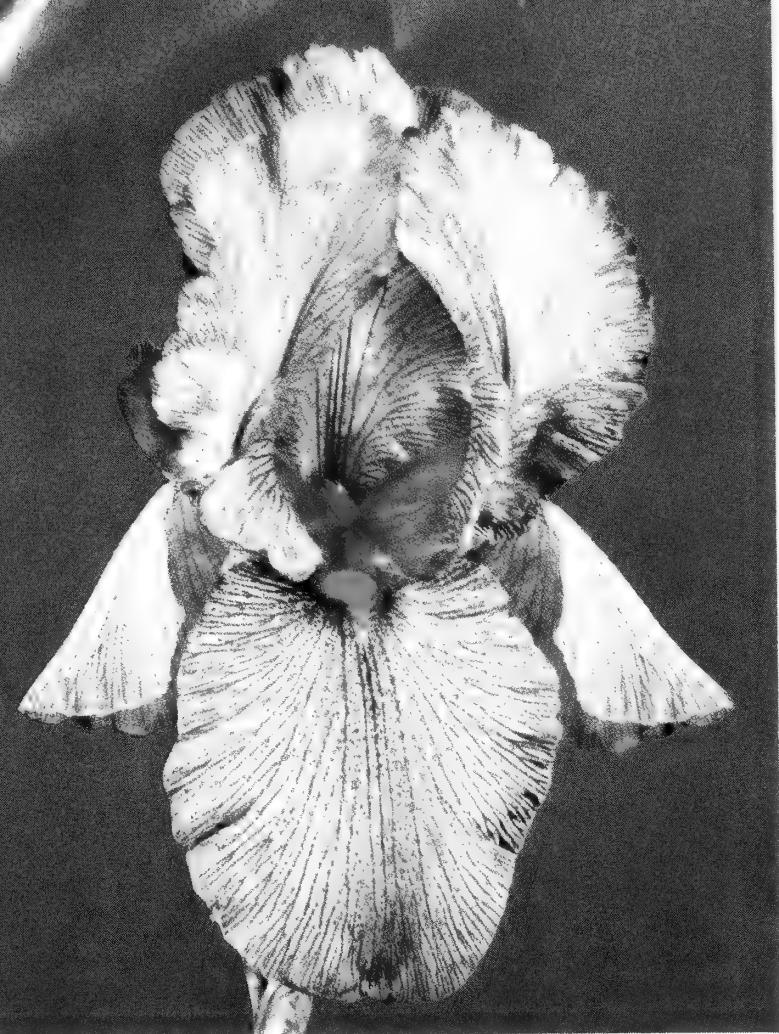
**BRILLIG OVER HERE** □ E-24" Soft crimson, edged buff; crimson-black signal. **75c; 3 for \$2.10**

**ZEBULON** □ LM-39" Huge, veined lilac rose & purplish crimson. Fertile. **75c; 3 for \$1.80**

**VELVO** Ⓝ VE-8" Dwarf, but huge, ruffled, brilliant purple and dark crimson. **60c**

#### BUTTERFLY WINGS—Colorful Oncobred—\$2.00





**WILLIAM MOHR, GIANT—Amazing—Only \$1.75**

**Dainty PEPPERED and SPECKLED Patterns**

**ANATOLIA** (Craig '49) M-30" The breeder of this, Tom Craig, states that it is the most Onco-like derivative of Wm. Mohr now in commerce. Color applied with much pattern in the Oncocyclis manner. Light red violet, slightly bicolor, with over-all veining and stippling on the falls, with a suggestion of signal patch at tip of beard. Has much promise as a parent. [(Tiffany x Los Angeles) x Capitola] ..... **\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**

**MOHRLOFF** (Schirmer '49) □ M From the Oncobred **ORMOHR** x the plicata **ORLOFF** has come **MOHRLOFF**, effectively combining both the names and flower characteristics. The pattern of peppered markings has come from Orloff, but the yellow ground of Orloff is missing, and instead we have the lavender of Ormohr, sprinkled over a white ground. Sets seed easily and has abundant pollen. .... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

**NELSON OF HILLY** □ EM-28" Like "Some Love" grown up. Falls large rounded, spreading. Pale lilac pink, peppered maroon. .... **\$1.00**

**SOME LOVE** □ E-20" Not only "Some love it," but everyone adores it. Delicately beautiful. Ivory besprinkled pink & cinnamon. Hardy. AM'40 **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

**A Real Departure! YELLOW ONCOBREDS**

**MOHR BEAUTY** (Milliken '49) ★ LM-36" First and only yellow Oncobred with Onco form. Harks back to its famous seed-parent, Elmohr. A glistening, ruffled pale yellow with a white signal at end of bright yellow beard. Hybridizers should cross with intense yellow and orange tones (as Gold Sovereign and Royal Sovereign) to deepen the yellow. While Onco in bloom, it has the virtue of foliage like Tall Bearded. Easy to grow. HM'53 - [Elmohr x Y Sdlg.] ..... **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

**DEEP BUTTERCUP** (Muhlestein '48) E-26" An intensely bright yellow of large size. Huge buds look like great gobs of yellow wax. From Brown Betty x Golden Eagle, so has ¼ Onco blood. May cross more readily than Tall Bearded with Oncos, Oncogelias, Regelias. Does not have Lady Mohr form, but may prove a stepping stone in that direction, for it sets seed and its pollen is extremely fertile, especially on Oncobreds. Very fragrant. HC'47 ..... **\$1.50**

**TOP HILLY** (White '38) ⊗ EM-28" Novel and lovely! Standards glistening white, flushed, veined and edged pale yellow. Falls pearly white flushed lemon yellow around edge with pale blue signal. Intense orange beard. .... **\$1.00**

**Orchid-like AMETHYST and MAUVE Colorings**

**MADAM MOHR** (Betcher '51) ⊗ M-40" The very finest of the ultra smooth lilac blue selfs. Mammoth broad-petaled flowers in beautiful Onco form with strongly arched standards and broad rounded falls. A real crowd-stopper that you are bound to want. Stalks tall, branched. Easy to grow. [Morera x Dauntless x Tropic Seas] ..... **\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95**

**RIPPLES** (Linse '51) ★ E to M-36" An immense new hybrid with blooms 7 to 8 inches across and with simply superb form and substance. Falls extremely broad, flaring nearly horizontally, rippled and waved in a most enticing manner. Colored a lovely shade of old lilac with hafts and margins around both standards and falls delicately and smoothly blended olive yellow. Every fancier will marvel at the perfection of form and color in this flower. A husky vigorous grower that sets seed freely. [Ormohr x Snoqualmie] .... **\$3.50**

**BLUE OX** (Craig '49) ■ M-30" A large lilac blue of exceptionally heavy substance. Wonderful placement and carriage, great breeding possibilities. Has proven a good seed parent and sets seed readily when pollinated with either Bearded Iris or Oncobreds. Mulch in cold regions. [Acropolis x C. G. White Oncobred] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$4.50**

**WILLIAM MOHR, GIANT** (Mohr-Mitchell) ★ EM-27" William Mohr is the famous original from which all other Mohrs have descended. Theoretically, all William Mohrs should be alike, but this strain is more vigorous and healthy than that commonly grown. Flowers larger, 5½" x 6", on stalks 26" to 28" tall, much above common form. So our visitors insist on getting this special strain. Also, this occasionally produces an abundance of fertile pollen, something I have never seen on the ordinary form; thus preferred by hybridizers. A huge bright lavender, with a network of red-violet. I first offered this strain in '51, and was sold out by late summer. May not have enough to last through this summer, but plenty for early orders. [Parisiana x Gatesii] **\$1.75**

**CUSTOMER'S REACTION:** "WM. MOHR, GIANT has brought many Ob's and Ab's from our neighbors." L. Hoffman, Davis, Calif.

**WILLIAM MOHR, REGULAR** has attracted admirers by the thousands. Though somewhat inferior to my Giant Strain, this is a sensational flower. .... **60c**

**GRACE MOHR** □ EM-40" Gigantic beauty in deep lilac. Enthralling. **75c; 3 for \$2.10**

**Bright RED-VIOLET and MULBERRY**

**BALTIS** (White '48) ⊗ EM-36" An Oncobred that has retained the Oncocyclis characteristics to a pronounced degree. Flowers almost globular, about 5½" in diameter having much the appearance of an Onco. A rich deep violet self shaded with dark naphthalene violet. Stalks with three branches, each having 3 buds. A delightful flower for cutting as well as for the garden. HM'48 ..... **\$2.00**

**Two Best Inexpensive Pollen Parents**

**IB-MAC, TRUE** (Van Tubergen) ★■ E-13" There are two wholly different plants being sold as Ib-mac. The true form is exceedingly scarce. It is a big globular flower, deep rosy violet, greatly resembling its offspring **Capitola**, but more striking. Has an intensely black signal patch and other Onco attributes. One of the three most potent Oncobred pollen parents; the others are **Joppa Parrot** and **Capitola**. Beard, wide, Oncolike diffuse, brown. Leaves white-based, strongly sickle-shaped, in Onco fashion. Pollen abundant, highly fertile. Rhizomes small. [Iberica x Macrantha] .... **\$2.00 3 for \$4.50**

**CAPITOLA** (Reinelt '40) ★■ VE-28" Most potent, useful Oncobred pollen parent known today. Among its many descendants: **LADY MOHR**, **FANCYWORKS**, **CONQUEST**, **MORNING BLUE**, **BLUE ELEGANCE**, **PEG DABAGH**, **HEIGHO**, **HURRICANE**, **ANATOLIA**. Also valuable as a garden subject. Colossal blooms of superb form in brilliant red-violet. Does not set seed; when it has pollen it is highly potent; should be tried on all the finer, newer Tall Bearded Iris. Better start NOW! At my new low price **CAPITOLA** is the one best buy for hybridizers in my entire catalog. Better get plenty. You'll want lots of pollen. HM'47; AM'50 - [William Mohr x Ib Mac] ..... **\$1.00**

**FLURRY MOHR** (Rees '50) ★ EM-42" A huge rich deep violet from Snow Flurry x **Capitola**. Standards tend to flatten out somewhat so this makes a wonderful single-flower arrangement, or an ideal flat-dish display if the standards are bent down under the falls. Gives a breath-taking effect and your friends will be amazed. .... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**ALTAMOHR** L-36" One of the tallest, best branched of the Mohrs. Flaring orchid-violet of large size. Heavily veined maroon. Fertile. .... **\$1.00**

**BARRIMOHR** □ M-36" Mulberry violet bitone, showing Onco influence. Lovely ruffled flower with wonderful flaring form. Huge. [Wm. Mohr x Adobe] ..... **\$1.00**

**ELMOHR** (Loomis '42) □ ML-35" Imagine a Dykes winner, most popular of the Mohrs, for only a dollar. If you don't have Elmohr you've been missing an annual thrill. An enormous Iris of perfect form, draped in Bishop's purple robes of regal splendor. Dykes Medal '45 - [William Mohr x R Sdlg.] ..... **\$1.00**

**YUSSUF** □ EM-36" Bold flower with evident touch of the Near East. Very large, unique greyish mulberry, irregularly flecked cream. .... **\$1.00**

**Unusual WHITE Oncobreds**

**PURISSAMOHR** (Weidner '52) ⊗■ ML-40" Acclaimed as the most sensational Oncobred to be introduced in a good many years. A grand pure white of faultless classic form. Flowers large, very heavy substance with closed domed standards and very broad flaring falls. Delightfully ruffled. No haft markings to detract from the purity of color. Beard golden tan terminating in a point so characteristic of Oncobreds. Splendid sturdy stalks with three branches and a terminal, permitting 8 to 10 flowers to be spaced to good advantage without crowding. Superb blood for breeding better whites. Sets seed readily. Originated in Pennsylvania and is thoroughly hardy throughout the East. Sweet fragrance. HM'52 - [William Mohr x (Purissima x Easter Morn)] ..... **\$10.00**

**PARACHUTE #2** (Loomis '52) ⊗ M-ML-35" Dr. Loomis, the creator of Elmohr, has done a great deal of breeding with Wm. Mohr to produce better Oncobreds. Those that have come out white or nearly white he has dubbed the Parachutes. No. 2 is a very heavy substance flower with distinctly Mohr form. When it first opens petals are pale lavender, marbled in deeper lavender but they gradually lighten to almost pure white. Ruffled and crumpled in an attractive manner. [William Mohr x Spanish Peaks] ... **\$3.50**

**DUE WEST** □ VE-30" Pure crystalline white, large. From Purissima x Susiana **75c**

For the **BLUES** and **BLACKS**, see page 15.

Joppa Parrot, Green Mohr, Butterfly Wings and Wm. Mohr Giant, for ..... **\$8.95**  
**THE 3 BEST ONCOBREDS:** The 3 best Oncobred pollen parents: Joppa Parrot, Ib Mac True and Capitola for only ..... **\$5.95**  
**THE 3 MOST POTENT ONCOBREDS:** Order any 3 of these; pay for any 2 of the 3; the third is yours with my compliments: Blue Abalone, New Look, Anatolia, Heigho, Parachute #2, Rosemohr, Blue Elegance or Mohresque.  
**THE NEWER MOHRS:** This and the next are for the thousands who are developing Mohr gardens: Mohr Elegance, Persian Mohr, Green Mohr, Madam Mohr, Flurry Mohr, Mohr Beauty, and Rosemohr. Any 4 for **\$6.95**; all 7 for **\$13.95**  
**THE OLDER MOHRS:** Lady Mohr, Mohresque, Mohrloff, Wm. Mohr Regular, Elmohr, Barrimohr, Altamohr, Grace Mohr, eight for only ..... **\$5.85**  
 Your choice, any 6 of the 20 varieties marked □ above for only ..... **\$3.95**



# World's Only Complete and Up-to-date Listing The Twice-Blooming **AUTUMN BLOOMERS**

Give You **THE MOST** For Your Money

**Bloom August to November and in Spring**

**USES AND BLOOMING SEASON:** All through the long fall visitors keep asking us what we do to make our IRIS bloom again in the fall. It is not so much what we do, as the particular varieties we grow that have this inherent tendency. This is a rapidly evolving new class of Iris that gives you bloom TWICE a year at no higher cost than the usual once-bloomers. These bloom in the spring, and then give a repeat performance in the fall, the dates varying greatly with different varieties. A few are very new FREQUENT BLOOMERS, or EVERBLOOMERS, giving a display three or more times a year. Below are 52 varieties from 24 hybridizers in 12 states, including Massachusetts, Illinois, Utah, Indiana, New York, Ohio, Tennessee and California.

**HEIGHT AND SIZE OF FLOWER:** Not many years ago all of the fall bloomers were low-growing plants with small flowers. Now tall varieties, with flowers as large as Tall Bearded Iris are becoming available in various colors.

**CULTURE and HOW TO ENCOURAGE AUTUMN BLOOM:** General culture same as for Tall Bearded, page 20. Fall bloom is naturally more regular in warm Southern gardens than in the North, but much depends on the care you give them. Full details in my Manual, but briefly the following is the special care, particularly important in the North, that helps to bring on a second bloom. Plant in full sun, away from root competition. Use well prepared soil fertilized thoroughly and deeply. Keep plants adequately moist (but not too wet), and well weeded, all through late winter and spring. Try giving a short rest after spring flowering; then keep well watered to bring on the second bloom. Fertilize several times during the summer with liquid manure, or with complete chemical fertilizer dissolved in water. Transplant every year or two, as crowded plants seldom rebloom. In cold regions plant in a warm protected spot, perhaps close to the south side of a light colored building, where they will get as much warmth during cool fall days as your climate will provide. Probably surest way is to cut off flowering stalks in spring on part of plants as soon as stalks appear. That will stimulate growth of new rhizomes, which will often bloom that fall.

**HARDINESS, SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Same as for Tall Bearded, page 20.

**SUMMER BLOOMERS:** Relatively few Bearded Iris bloom during the summer; so it is helpful in planning continuity of bloom to know which have the strongest inherent tendencies in this direction. These are those Autumn Bloomers that often start their second bloom early, in June, July or August. These varieties are also ideal for the hybridizer aiming at everblooming Iris. Summer bloom is seldom as complete or heavy as spring bloom, but varieties vary greatly. I give below a list of 13 Autumn Bloomers that often bloom in summer. I use bold type to indicate those that have given me the heaviest summer bloom. (For Winter Bloomers see page 19.)

All in this list are marked + on the following pages: August Waves, Autumn Delight, Autumn Elf, Barre Beauty, Autumn Twilight, Gibson Girl, Joseph's Mantle, July Beauty, October Shadows, Pink Lace, Sangreal, September Sparkler, Two-for-Tea.

**AVAILABLE SOON:** Ball Gown, Bengal Princess, Carabella, Echo Valley, Fall Velvet Improved, Farewell, Guiding Star, Halloween Night, Heatherlands, Molten, Red Ray, Whisperwood.

## SECRET VARIETY CLUES

Four Secret Varieties will be found in the sections devoted to the off-season bloomers, that is, the Autumn Iris (pages 13 to 15), and the Winter Iris (page 19). There are two in tones of red, one yellow and one lilac tinted. Now track them down. See page 35 for full explanation.

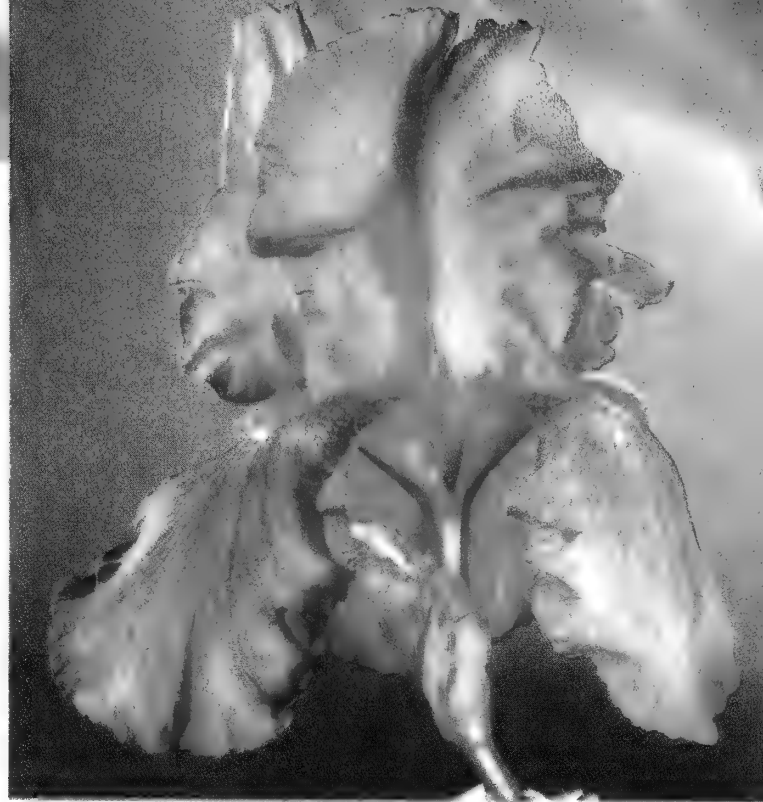
### Autumn Blooming TALL BEARDED Iris — Large Flowered

**GLOWING AMBER** (Craig '53) (N) A real break in Iris patterns and a real addition to my ever growing list of Autumn Bloomers. Tom Craig seems to have a way of bringing forth the most interesting and unusual combinations of color. Here the under color is golden amber over which burnt umber and sepia seem to be glazed in a smoky, radiating pattern. Surely unbeatable blood for those seeking rich colorings. HM'54 - [Joseph's Mantle x Rich Raiment].....\$10.00

**CUPID'S DART** (Craig '53) (N) M-45" A pinkish ivory self with orange tangerine beard that may be likened to a picturesque blond with unrestrained make-up. The bright beard is like a clear cut dash of lipstick on a powder pink countenance. The smooth haft-cheeks are deeply rouged intense, warm pink. A giant twice-bloomer that might well be Mt. Washington in a bright new color. Flowers heavily in both spring and fall. The finest landscape pink I know. [(Mt. Washington x Flora Zenor) x Sib.].....\$8.00

**AUTUMN DELIGHT** (Austin '52) + 30" Most continuous, heaviest bloomer of our 80 varieties of fall bloomers. Standards light amethyst pink with silvery tone, arched, gently waved. Falls deep rosy mulberry. Blooms in spring, starts again in September (or earlier) and blooms for 6 to 8 weeks. Up to 16 buds per stalk. Not only a very heavy fall bloomer but also an oddity as it has an inconstant number of standards. While there are usually 3, occasionally there will be just 1 or 2. Delightfully fragrant, pollen abundant. ....\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95

**SALLY ANN**—Best Yellow Spring-Fall Bloomer—\$2.50



**JOSEPH'S MANTLE**—Amazing Frequent Bloomer—\$3.00

**JOSEPH'S MANTLE** (Craig '49) +★EM-36" One of the new FREQUENT Bloomers from Tom Craig. He tells me this blooms with the early Iris, again with the late ones, still again in October or even mid-winter in mild climates. Often it blooms as heavily in October as does any Iris in spring. So colorful was named for "Joseph's coat of many colors." An immense flower in golden buff washed and striated red brown, with red brown stippling forming a margin to the falls. Tom Craig is an artist of renown. This creation of his makes one wonder if he has found a secret way of coloring his hybrids as he applies colors to his canvases. Joseph's Mantle will amaze and captivate you. [(China Maid x Tiffany) x Mitchell Seedlings]. See my color photograph above. ....\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95

**PEARL ORIENTAL** (Heller '48) ★ 34" A lovely creation in an entirely new color. Standards pearly white with infusion of pink. Falls creamy white with a deeper infusion of pale buff pink. Beard very large, prominent, light yellow, becoming brilliant red orange, brightening up center of flower. Well named, for petals glisten with pearly iridescence. Simply wonderful branching, starting near ground. Last fall every rhizome bloomed for me. Flowers develop splendidly from cut bud stalks. You can let them open inside if cold weather threatens. Most distinctive autumn bloomer to be introduced for several years. [Grecian Robe x E. B. Williamson].....\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95

**SAVAGE** (Craig '49) ★ M-34" Tom Craig tells me that this has proven to be a most consistent fall bloomer and that it is of an incredibly intense color. I also have reports on this from Oregon, Utah and Missouri and everyone who has seen it has been greatly impressed with the fiery brilliance of the coloring. Bronze-red, suffused and blazed magenta. A broad flaring flower of heavy substance. Imagine what it will do to add a dazzling blaze of color to your fall garden. HM'51.....\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95

**MOON GODDESS** (Craig '49) ★ M-36" A large flower in strange cool greyed wisteria, so novel and interesting it was introduced at \$20. Invariably appeals to women with discriminating tastes in decoration, and has been found to be a perfect color companion for the new pinks. Has proved to be consistent twice-bloomer in originator's garden. [Advance Guard x Mit. No. 2-21) x B. Sdlg.].....\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95

**SALLY ANN** (Smith '45) ★ E to LM-34" Of all yellow fall bloomers I have tried, this has the largest flowers and the clearest color—a beautiful even yellow, satiny in texture, sparkling in the sun as if dusted with gold. Under favorable conditions, nearly every rhizome blooms. One of the few large enough and good enough to hold its own in the spring. Also, I know no other Iris that can surpass the record of Sally Ann for 4½ weeks continuous spring bloom. Flowers often measure as large as 6" x 6". In mild climates, or in mild winters in moderately severe climates, often blooms through Jan. and Feb. as well as in spring and fall. Very fragrant. [Kalinga x Jelloway]...\$2.50; 3 for \$5.50

**BISHOP'S VELVET** (Heller '48) VE-40" A stunning tall twice-bloomer that will start your season with the Intermediates, 3 weeks before peak of Tall Bearded bloom, and then give you another bloom later in the year. Perhaps the most velvety Iris I grow. A self in richest of blackish royal purples, with harmonizing blue beard, tipped in yellow. Not yet tested in East. [The Bishop x Sable]...\$2.00

**LADY MOON** (Whiting '50) ★ M-34" A large, superb new white. Out-shines all other white fall bloomers so far introduced. Among my 80 varieties of fall bloomers, I have no other white that compares with it for quality, size, general beauty. Comes closest I have to a fall blooming SNOW FLURRY. A novel white bitone in a new very pleasing color combination. A true white, yet standards are distinctly a blue white, beautifully cupped, ruffled. Falls rather flaring, distinctly creamy or yellow-white with an ivory beard. Over 90% of rhizomes bloomed for me last fall. A high quality Iris for the fancier and breeder. [(Purissima x Matula) x White Goddess].....\$2.00

**ROYAL BAND** (Craig '50) ★ M-ML-34" Here we have the fall blooming counterpart of the famous Minnie Colquitt. The many who have raved over Minnie can now have this twice-blooming edition. Standards bright purple, flushed white. Falls pure white, with a very prominent purple edge and a purple center line. Nicely ruffled. Pollen plentiful. [Mme. L. Aureau x (Tiffany x Los Angeles)]. ....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

*Autumn Bloomers continued on next page*

*Why buy all once-bloomers when twice-bloomers cost no more.*



## Autumn Blooming TALL BEARDED Iris—Continued

### Wise's INDIANA BRED Wakarusa Fall Bloomers

Here are the first four of a new strain of hardy Tall Bearded autumn bloomers developed for cold climates by Charlie Wise in Indiana, as an offshoot of Greig Lapham's enterprising work in creating better reds and pinks. They have arisen strictly from Tall Bearded breeding lines and contain no Dwarfs or Intermediates in their ancestry. The flowers are large, of fine form and substance. They have heavy, low branched 34" to 38" stalks carrying 12 to 20 buds each. They bloom in the fall in Indiana for a period of six weeks, and new stalks are usually starting when freezing weather comes. They represent a big step forward in making the Tall Bearded Iris nearly everblooming.

- NAPPANEE** (Wise '49) ★ E-37" The heaviest bloomer of the group and also the tallest and brightest. In mid-September the stalks often reach a height of 40" or more. Over 90% of the rhizomes usually give fall bloom. Standards creamy pink flushed golden from the base. Falls bright crimson. A stunning flower for fall bouquets or for adding a mass of color to the fall gardens. Pollen plentiful. [Priority x Forerunner].....**\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**
- MENOMINEE** (Wise '49) ★ E-36" A ruffled and glistening pinkish buff, sparkling with gold dust in the sun. Standards golden buff, flushed pink. Falls soft rosy pink over a buff ground. Style crests buff yellow. Profuse pollen. Very fragrant. [Red Ray x Autumn Sunset].....**\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95**
- POTAWATOMI** (Wise '49) ■ LM-36" Standards light bronzy red becoming yellowish at base. Falls bronzy scarlet, velvety, glistening with gold crystals. Prominent yellow beard. Pollen exceedingly abundant. [Priority x (Wakarusa x Red Ray)].....**\$2.50; 3 for \$5.50**
- MISHAWAKA** (Wise '49) M-34" A glistening yellow self with a deep orange yellow beard and deep gold veining at haft. Pleasingly fragrant. [Red Ray x Autumn Sunset].....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

### Percy Brown MASSACHUSETTS BRED Fall Bloomers

Dr. Percy Brown has been breeding Autumn Blooming Iris in Massachusetts for the past twenty years. He has developed a whole series of splendid varieties that give bloom each year in fall in the rigorous climate of New England. Dr. Brown's varieties should give fall bloom in almost any state in the Union.

- BARRE BEAUTY** (Brown '53) +Ⓢ■ 24" Percy Brown tells us that Barre Beauty is his most reliable summer and fall bloomer to date. Any variety such as this that will bloom well during the mid-summer and fall in the cold climate of Massachusetts should be able to repeat the performance in practically any of our colder states. A pleasing lilac bitone with standards pale lavender, falls pinkish amethyst with a white center and yellow haft. [September Sparkler x Unknown].....**\$3.00**
- HARVEST BLUE** (Brown '50) Ⓢ VL-20" Mr. Brown considers this one of the very best of his fall blooming Iris. A descendant of the famous Iris Missouri; has inherited the blue coloring and the same flaring form. The closed standards and styles are medium lavender-blue, broad and full. The deeper blue falls flare widely. An extremely profuse fall bloomer that makes more of a mass display than any other variety I know of. Fragrant. Has good pollen. **\$3.00; 3 for \$6.75**
- SEPTEMBER SPARKLER** (Brown '53) +■ E-30" Blooms here in Spring and off and on from June to November. Approaches ever-blooming tendencies. Standards nicely cupped, pale elusive lavender with a golden halo at base. Falls deep blue lilac with striking maroon reticulations and yellow beard. Four-way branching starts near ground. Up to 16 buds per stalk. Sets seed easily; has good pollen. Pollen parent of most of Mr. Brown's fall bloomers. Top-notch for any hybridizer.....**\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95**
- OCTOBER SHADOWS** (Brown '52) + E to L-34" Starts with a long spring blooming season; then re-blooms prolifically from July to October, thus approaching everblooming. Standards light silvery lilac flushed yellow. Falls reddish amethyst. Splendid tall stalks with wide low branching and 12 flowers per stalk. Pollen plentiful; a very good seed setter. Enticingly fragrant. [September Sparkler x Autumn Sunset].....**\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95**
- AUTUMN TWILIGHT** (Brown '48) +■ L-32" My personal favorite of the Percy Brown persistent fall bloomers that we grow. Exceedingly colorful. Great numbers of large flowers with sparkling golden cream standards and bright orchid pink falls. Blooms with other Iris in the spring and then re-blooms heavily from August to November. Dependable fall bloomer even in cold climates. Lots of good pollen.....**\$2.00**
- FALL VELVET** (Brown '50) Ⓢ 18" Blooms in September and October as well as spring. A blended bitone. Light rosy lilac standards and deep rosy lilac falls. Flowers long lasting. Stalks sturdy. [Autumn Sunset x September Sparkler].....**\$1.50**

See also Percy Brown's August Waves and Autumn Elf in Intermediate Height Group.

**THANKSGIVING FIRELIGHT** (Austin '50) ■ 34" A colorful Iris, the delight of all who see it. Usually blooms at Thanksgiving time. Done in festive fall colors. Standards blended reddish yellow, bronzy orange. Falls dark crimson, lighter edge. A fast increaser, a heavy bloomer in an established clump. Has pollen, sets seed. Transmits its fall blooming tendency to offspring.....**\$2.00**

FROM THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IT—"Thanksgiving Firelight made a real display, and I like it very much." Chas. A. Williams, San Gabriel, Calif.  
The Thanksgiving Firelight which you enclosed as a premium has bloomed in January and again in the latter part of March and all of April. It will probably bloom all of May." James Gulick, San Rafael, California.

**BUCKTHORN BROWN** (Milliken '48) ★ 36" The best of all bronze autumn bloomers! A ruffled and rippled light bronzy brown with elusive hints of blue and mauve in the strongly flaring falls. Style crests golden buff faintly streaked in green. Beard intense yellow. Good sized flowers on well branched stalks with about 8 buds. Fragrant....**\$1.50**

**PINK LACE** (Sass '45) +★ M-36" Outstanding as a fall-blooming Flamingo pink, second only to Carabella & Fantasy. Not the last word in Flamingos but among the best of earlier introductions. Only inexpensive one that blooms well in fall & spring. A real bargain at this low price. Flowers salmon pink with tangerine beard. Nicely formed, of medium size. Seed set last spring on Pink Lace using pollen of 5 tangerine-bearded pinks. Now you try it! [(Dore x Matula) x Flora Zenor]. See Ekta-chrome.....**\$1.00**  
**3 for \$2.25**

**POLAR KING** (Donahue '39) ★ E to L-32" Most dependable for northern latitudes. I have records of its blooming in Massachusetts 5 falls in succession. Bloomed 4 months in our garden last fall, from early Sept. to late Dec. A high quality pure white Iris, ideally branched, sometimes 4 flowers out at once. AM'32 - [Moonlight x (Dominion x ...)]...**\$1.00**



PINK LACE—Only \$1.00

- FAIR ENOUGH** (White '35) ★ E-L-38" One of the earliest of the large-flowered Iris to bloom in the spring; continues to bloom past all believing. Then in October, or November, it starts again and blooms till December and often January, if weather permits. Almost evergreen; leaves remain fully green and erect, undaunted by moderate cold. A beautiful light blue. One of the truest blues in the garden; not lavender or purple. In fact it is the only nearly pure blue fall bloomer that I have. Such a remarkable value at this price that I give it my red star rating. [Purissima x Susiana].....**\$1.50**
- FONTANA** (Heller '48) Ⓢ 40" A fine large twice-bloomer with stiffly flaring falls giving remarkable character to the blooms. Standards creamy yellow, falls ivory, sometimes appearing almost chartreuse and edged in pale yellow. [Yellow Sdg. x Oregon Sunshine].....**\$1.50**
- WESTERN HILLS** (Mrs. Brown '51) ★ M-42" Colored like the autumn leaves in warm golden tan, with falls flushed silvery plum and peacock-blue over rich copper. Reported by Mrs. Steedman as a dependable fall bloomer in Roanoke, Va., without special care. Reblooms early enough to insure fall bloom over most of U. S. Exceptionally tall for an autumn bloomer. Delightful fragrance.....**\$1.50**
- AUTUMN FLAME** 30" Fine for early fall bloom. Large, wine-red bitone with velvety falls. Grand. Fragrant.....**\$1.00**
- GERSDORFF-SASS HYBRID** ★ VE-28" The most unusual and stunning of all, colored like Dresden china. A combination not duplicated even in the multitude of spring bloomers. Standards smooth parchment, flushed mulberry. Falls mulberry-pink, overlaid on a parchment ground, and with a most striking lemon-yellow haft, beard and style crests. Fine large flowers.....**\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25**

"Gersdorff-Sass Hybrid is in bloom now, November 8. There are 3 bloom stalks with a total of 13 buds, and I'm enchanted with the 'differentness' of the coloring. It does speak well for your stock." Mrs. Henry L. Shields, El Paso, Texas.

- GIBSON GIRL** + M-36" Spring, summer and fall bloomer. Light pinkish mulberry and deep rose mulberry peppered on cream ground. Very large, outstanding, a wonderful dollar value. [Madame Louis Aureau x Tiffany].....**\$1.00**
- ROYAL COMMAND** 30" Rich, dark velvety red bitone. Splendid large flowers. A persistent re-bloomer. [Persia x Sachem].....**\$1.00**
- AUTUMN SUNSET** 32" Bred from 2 Dykes winners. Light bronzy pink and crimson pink edged bronze. Very colorful. [Rosy Wings x Rameses]...**75c; 3 for \$1.80**
- WHITE ALONE** Ⓢ 34" A lovely twice-blooming pure white of good height 60c

### Autumn Bloomers of INTERMEDIATE Height

- PRIORITY** (Lapham '45) ★■ M-26" The best red fall bloomer in my collection. Not only that, but it is a very persistent rebloomer, blooming for us on 4 different occasions last summer and fall. Standards light crimson; falls dark velvety crimson. Unusual decorative features are the deep amethyst stigmas, contrasting sharply with the yellow style crests. HM'47 - [(Rameses x (M. A. Porter x Jerry)) x Red Ray].....**\$2.50**
- AUGUST WAVES** (Brown '41) +★ 18" to 26" A pretty neglecta. From Massachusetts comes this new variety that re-blooms from August to frost in cold climates or warm ones. Thus this is most welcome as Iris bloom is ordinarily at its lowest ebb in August. Standards pale blue. Falls flaring, rich violet.....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**
- CREAMY LOVELINESS** (Taylor '47) E-20" In warm climates this has bloomed in Apr., Aug., Oct. and Nov. A fine lemon cream; falls washed and dappled lavender. Pollen abundant.....**\$1.50**



## The 2 Best Inexpensive EVERBLOOMERS

**JULY BEAUTY** (Weed '43) ★★ EM-28" One of the best both for bloom and for crossing for everbloomers. Sometimes starts its fall bloom as early as July and may continue till Dec. Light lilac blue and deep amethyst. Stems heavily branched with up to 20 buds. Was one of the very outstanding varieties in our garden last fall. Reported as a fall bloomer in Massachusetts. .... **\$1.00**

**SANGREAL** (Sass '35) ★★ EM-24" Approaches an everbloomer. After blooming normally in the spring, Sangreal gave me the heaviest summer bloom of any bearded Iris last summer. A large part of the rhizomes in a long row bloomed all thru Aug., with some fall bloom, too. Attractive light yellow self with deep yellow veins. [(Pumila x ....) x (Cardinal x Autumn King)]. .... **.75c; 3 for \$1.80**

**TWO FOR TEA** (Auten '48) ★★ M-20" A Table Iris that blooms spring, summer and fall. A delicate, dainty orchid-pink self, slender stemmed. I had some in bloom almost continuously last summer and fall. .... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**ENCORE** (McDade) M-26" A heavy re-blooming red, done in pinkish crimson and dark crimson. Beard bronzy yellow. Stalks low branched. .... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

**AUTUMN ELF** ★★ M-15" Re-bloomed repeatedly through summer and fall in originator's garden in Massachusetts. One of the best proven summer & fall bloomers for cold climates. Delightful flower with pale olive green standards, lavender falls with cream edge. Dainty, fragrant. HM'36 - [Gertrude x Gracchus?]. .... **.75c**

**AUTUMN PRINCE** M-25" Gold beard and veining. Standards delicate cream. Falls contrasting smoky violet. .... **.75c**

**FALL BEAUTY** E-34" Heavy and dependable re-bloomer. Standards a blend of lilac, bronze, buff. Falls semi-flaring, bright red violet, edged bronze. .... **.75c**

**GLAD SONG** M-24" Yellow plicata, flushed and stitched maroon. .... **.60c**

**GLOWPORT** M-26" An intense, crimson red, almost a self. .... **.60c**

**KANSAS INGLESIDE** ML-32" Red like glowing embers; late fall. .... **.60c**

### Autumn Blooming DWARFS

**GREEN GODDESS** (Weed '39) ★ EE-4" Creamy white with pronounced greenish cast—in fact one of the greenest dwarfs that I list. Though a real midget, only 4" high, it has flowers among largest of Dwarfs, often over 4" across. An extremely heavy, persistent bloomer, not only flowering in the spring, but often also in fall, and even in winter where climate permits. .... **\$1.50**

**OLIVE EVA** (Christensen '51) E-4" Consistent re-bloomer. One of the first blended variegatas in a true Dwarf. Standards pale yellow, flushed lilac. Falls red-violet, tipped yellow. Should be useful in breeding new colors in Dwarfs. HM'51 - [Florida x Dr. Mann]. .... **\$1.50**

**BLUE MASCOT** ★ 4" One of a new race of superior Dwarfs. Very large flowers, yet only 4" high. Charming lilac-blue re-bloomer. [Reflection x Chamaeiris]. .... **.75c**

**PAPOOSE** ★ E-6" Done in Indian Colors. One of most persistent bloomers of all Dwarfs. Long spring bloom, plus 3 months fall bloom. Standards fawn & buff, flushed red from base. Falls mahogany red, edged buff. .... **.75c; 3 for \$1.80**

**SOUND MONEY** EE-4" A fine low-growing Pumila hybrid; will make a carpet of bright yellow. Caparne Award '50 (Highest for Dwarfs). .... **.75c; 3 for \$1.80**

— Joseph's Mantle, Sally Ann and Pink Lace, all for .... **\$4.95**

— 1 of these: Autumn Delight, Pearl Oriental, or Savage; 1 of these: Barre Beauty, Nappanee, Harvest Blue or Moon Goddess; 1 of these: Royal Band, Thanksgiving Firelight, Lady Moon or Bishop's Velvet — 3 new ones for. .... **\$6.95**

— Any 6 of these 7 for only. .... **\$8.45**

October Shadows, Moon Goddess, Gersdorff Sass Hybrid, September Sparkler, Royal Band, Thanksgiving Firelight, Buckthorn Brown.

— Any 5 of these 7 for only. .... **\$4.95**

Priority, August Waves, Two for Tea, Encore, Olive Eva, Creamy Loveliness, Autumn Prince

## ONCOBREDS — Continued from page 12

### Superb BLUES and BLUE-VIOLETS

**FRANCES CRAIG** (Craig '52) ★ M-38" There have been many additions to the lovely blue Oncobreds in recent years, but here's one that tops them all for size, color and form. Tom Craig considers it the best, most beautiful Iris he has ever created. A huge flower in pearly lilac blue with immense round falls flaring out beautifully. If you are one of the many who have come to prefer to get one or two really good new Iris each year, instead of many of the older ones, this is certainly one to get this year. You'll not regret it. HC'51; HM'53 - [Snow Flurry x Capitola]. .... **\$10.00; 3 for \$22.50**

**BLUMOHR** (Marx '49) ★ ML-36" A big new blue from a different breeding line. From Wm. Mohr x Orloff in unveined Plumbago blue, reported as being bluer & less slate-colored than Morning Blue. From Tennessee comes report: "It is a perfect thing, in my way of thinking—the color of the Cattleya orchid." Large rounded flowers remain in perfect condition for 3 to 4 days. Other new blues are early, but this blooms at midseason or later. Pollen abundant. HM'49; AM'52. .... **\$5.00**

**HEIGHO** (Craig '49) ★ VE-L-45" A favorite Oncobred that has a small but definite Onco-like signal, simply wonderful substance. Flowers immense, globe-like, clear blue-violet, on tall wiry 45" stems; unbelievably fine branching for an Oncobred. Gives you flowers all the way from very early to late. Reported to be a dependable bloomer in the East. Absolutely unsurpassed as a proven Oncobred seedparent. [Purissima x Capitola]. .... **\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**

**HURRICANE** (Craig '49) VE-32" Immense broad flaring flowers, often 6" or more across, of the toughest substance. Apparently Tom Craig has in mind that it will withstand a hurricane. Color pale powder blue, infused with lilac and white, usually strongly marbled lilac in an exotic manner. A number of the Iris judges have rated this as the finest of the many creations that Tom has released. Excellent possibilities for hybridizers. HC'48; HM'49 - [Purissima x Capitola]. .... **\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**

**CERULEAN** (Craig) Ⓝ E-M-40" A handsome new Iris with distinctive Mohr form. Flowers large and broad, done in a most interesting color—light greyed-cerulean blue. Remarkably tall for an Oncobred. Considered so outstanding it was introduced at \$25.00. [Purissima x Capitola]. .... **\$6.00; 3 for \$16.50**

**BLUE ELEGANCE** (Jory '48) ★ E-40" A beautiful blue bitone. Big, rounded standards in clear chichory blue with prominent deeper blue veining. Large semi-flaring falls slightly deeper blue. Very large flowers displaying a degree of perfection seldom seen. First prize, best seedling, California Spring Garden Show '48. Jesse Wills writes it came through an exceptionally trying Tennessee winter in fine shape. Has pollen, sets seed. HM'49 - [Purissima x Capitola]. .... **\$2.00; 3 for \$3.95**

**MORNING BLUE** (Jory '48) E-42" A lovely blue self with that Onco look—a flower of superb form, gigantic size, borne on tall stems. Height and branching of Tall Bearded combined with Onco flower form. Falls broad, semi-flaring, of good substance. A large, elegant new blue, very distinct from blues that do not have Onco influence. Harold I. Johnson says: "A massive light blue which will afford competition for Blue Valley." Has pollen, sets seed. [Purissima x Capitola]. .... **\$2.00; 3 for \$4.50**

**PEG DABAGH** (Craig '48) E-40" Sensational blue. Introduced at \$35. Has the much-sought Lady Mohr form. Much deeper colored than the two Jory varieties, a clear, rich violet-blue. J. Wills reports it grows & increases with him in Tennessee much better than Elmohr. H. J. Randall, in England, reports it has "more of the Onco in its makeup than Morning Blue. A fine acquisition that has been much admired." Does well anywhere. HM'48 - [Purissima x Capitola]. .... **\$1.00**

**SILVER CHARM** □ VE-30" Best buy of all the blues, at this price. Glistening gray blue, strongly marked lilac. A prodigious bloomer. [Purissima x Ib-Mac]. .... **.75c; 3 for \$2.10**

### Rich BLACKISH Shades

**YARKAND** (White '48) □★ EM-24" Harks back strongly to Onco ancestry. A study in contrasts! Standards bright amethyst blue, veined in dark violet, well rounded, strongly arched in Onco fashion. Falls almost black, dark mulberry at end. Beard, prominent bronzy-black. Style arms bright lilac-red. HM'48. .... **\$1.25; 3 for \$3.45**

**MOHRSON** M-36" Bold ruffled violet-black. Sets seed and has pollen. .... **.60c**

## TALL BEARDED — Continued from Page 30

### THE PURE WHITES

Serene as Freshly Fallen Snow

Use Generously to Bring Out the Beauty in Other Colors

### Early

**CASCADIAN** (Linse '52) ★ E-M-36" A very wide ruffled white that is positively stunning. A large, very broad petaled Iris with a white beard and a mysterious greenish cast showing through the center of the falls. Comes from Snow Flurry x Cloud Castle. You'll want this one! .... **\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**VIGIL** (Wills '47) ■ E to M to L-38" Famous for its extremely long blooming season. Will greet you in the spring with the early bloomers, extend through midseason and finally finish up with the late flowering Iris varieties. Hence should be one of the very best parents for those working toward ever-blooming Iris. A snowy, pure white, tailored to perfection. F. Kennedy in Iris Bul. 114 reports "The best white, if not the best Iris I have seen." HC'46; HM'47 - [Valor x Venus de Milo] x Gudrun]. .... **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

**BLIZZARD** (Knowlton '49) ■ E-40" As its name well indicates, a hardy Massachusetts-bred white much in demand. Whole flower frilled and ruffled. The bright yellow beard is a sharp pleasing contrast to the purity of the bloom. Few Iris have the poise, beauty and floriferousness of this early white. Ten or more buds per stalk, often 3 flowers open at once. Nicely spaced. Comes from Snow Flurry x Easter Morn so should be a fine breeder. HC'46. .... **\$1.50**

### Midseason

**WHITE PEACOCK** (Pattison '52) ★ M-38" We have many fine whites but I am inclined to think that I would place this at the top of the list. The BIG ruffled flowers of near-perfection are a vision of loveliness. The color is almost pure snow white but as evening approaches blue shadows seem to cast their spell over the blossom. Here is real quality. An Iris that will make a mark for itself. Sooner or later I think you will succumb and then White Peacock will be growing in YOUR garden. HC'49; HM'52 - [Katherine Fay x Lady Boscawen]. .... **\$12.50**

**HELEN MCKENZIE** (Graves '50) Ⓝ M-37" For serene purity it is hard to beat a white Iris, and particularly is this true of Helen McKenzie, for this seems to be the whitest of them all. It is even whiter than Priscilla which was at one time considered the whitest of Iris. Petals are really white with no haft markings or touches of any other colors; even the beard is white. Also it is noted for its perfection of form. Standards perfectly domed and firmly held. Falls firm, broad, flaring. Flowers have perfect placement on well-branched stalks. Long season of bloom. Yes, a beautiful Iris to be desired. Already it has been used in breeding and has yielded the new release called The Citadel. HM'50; AM'53 - [Franconia x Mt. Jefferson]. .... **\$6.00; 3 for \$16.50**

**WHITE RUFFLES** (Taylor '47) ML-44" A beautifully ruffled warm white descendant of Snow Flurry; like a large edition of that famous variety. Imagine flowers 6 inches high and 6 inches wide, nicely spaced along tall stems. Also inherits vigor and free-blooming qualities. Distribution as yet limited; your chance to get a wonderful new one before your neighbors have it. HM'47; AM'53 - [Snow Flurry x Princess of Brentwood]. .... **\$3.00; 3 for \$6.75**

**SPANISH PEAKS** (Loomis '47) ★ ML-38" Most heralded of all the new whites is this true self from the Colorado garden of Dr. Loomis, creator of Elmohr and Spindrift. A white as pure and unmarred as the great snow masses that cover the lofty peaks for which it was named. The flower, the throat, the style arms, even the beard, are all WHITE, pure white. A huge flower, possessing the distinctive charm that only a true self can have. The one white everyone wants. RU Dykes '53 - [(Purissima x white sdg. of Dominion) x Sdg.]. .... **\$2.00**

**NEW SNOW** (Fay '46) ■ ML-38" So near to winning the Dykes Medal that it was Runner-up in '50, '51 and '52. It is seldom, indeed, that I am able to offer an Iris of this caliber at such a moderate price. An Iris name that is most fitting, for this is truly as white as new snow. The beard is full bright yellow, adding a great deal of life to the flower. This is the only color in the flower, as the standards, falls, hafts, and even the style crests are pure white. [Snow Flurry x Katherine Fay]. .... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

"My order from you arrived last month. The rhizomes were beautiful and as fresh as if they'd just been dug, in spite of traveling through a record heat wave. Many thanks."—Mrs. W. H. Wilkerson, Houston, Texas.

# To Greatly Extend Your Iris Blooming Season UNUSUAL BEARDED IRIS

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**SECRET VARIETY CLUES** — It'll pay you to find the 4 Secret Varieties that occur on pages 16 and 17 of Unusual Bearded Iris. See page 35.

## Use The DWARFS To Begin Your Iris Season For MARCH-APRIL Bloom

**USES:** Low edgings, rock gardens and window boxes or pots. Rhizomes small.

**BLOOMING TIMES:** If you would like to be surprised and delighted each and every spring, then by all means plant some Dwarfs. Unlike other Iris, they wake from their winter slumbers with the first inking of spring warmth. Some morning, before you are expecting them, there they'll be, blooming away when winter has hardly left. From then on the "Iris fever" develops rapidly, and is soon at high pitch.

**AVAILABLE SOON:** Buster Brown, Inchalong, Little Balkan, Nana, Sparkling Eyes, Veri-Gay, Whitone.

**PROMISE** (Cook) ♦★ 4" The finest pink dwarf I have seen. Really has promise! A pearly mauve pink, with stiffly flaring wide horizontal falls that give it great distinction. A "must" for every Dwarf hybridizer. HM'52 — [Arenaria hybrid].....

**GREEN SPOT** (Cook '51) ♦★ E-12" A color break from all predecessors for your special attention. Imagine the novelty of a trim pure white flower with spreading horizontal falls having a half-inch patch of almost unbelievable bright medium green at end of beard. Holds untold possibilities for breeders desirous of increasing the amount of green. HM'51 — [Cook TB No. 10942 x Yellow Pumila].....

**BLAZON** (Welch '52) ♦★ EE-7" A true masterpiece. Deepest maroon self. Brilliant gold beard with spur and gold embroidery stitching radiating from beard, resembling some heraldic motif, which suggested the name. Fragrant, fertile. HM'52; RU Caparne Award '53 — [(Purple Beauty x Burchfield) x Biflora) x Self]....

**CARPATIA** (Schreiner) ♦★ EE-4" A true miniature; one of 4 known forms of Pumila, sought by every Dwarf breeder. A real midget, 4" high. Standards clear light yellow, crinkled. Falls olive yellow, edged light yellow. Beard particularly interesting, unusual; outer part clear cream; inner part deepest orange. Exceedingly floriferous. A boon to every Dwarf hybridizer. Scarce.....

**APRIL MORN** (Welch '52) ♦★ EE-4" A flax blue self of smooth clean color and with a blue beard. Wide flaring falls. Domed standards. Among the earliest of all dwarfs. Breeders have sought a blue Pumila for years; at last it is here. Fully fertile both ways. HM'52; Caparne Award '54 — [Cook-1546 x Sulina].....

**BLARNEY** (Welch '50) ♦★ E-5" Much heralded in 1950, at time of introduction, as the greenest bearded Iris in existence. Today it vies with Green Spot for top honors in this respect. Standards, arched, nearly white with faint lilac veins at base. Falls, pale olive green, heavily washed and vaguely lined in soft dark lavender. Beard prominent, nearly white. A "must" for all breeders of Dwarfs, and all working toward green Iris. [(Fiancee x Fairy) x Cook 1546].....

**BLUE BAND** (Cook '50) ★ EE-6" Among the bluest Dwarfs on the market today. A neat little blue bitone with long-oval standards, somewhat erect, light blue; falls deeper, violet blue, with white beard and tiny white signal at end of beard. Has the excellent characteristics of Mr. Cook's earlier Dwarf introductions, Alinda and Violet Gem. Pollen produced profusely. HM'52 — [Yellow Chamaeiris x blue Pumila]....

**CRETICA** ★ EE-4" One of the 4 known forms of Pumila. Sought by every breeder of Dwarfs. A tiny bright pink mauve with pale lilac beard. Hybridizers find it produces blends in purplish to pinkish tones. Pollen blue, plentiful...\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

**SULINA** ★ EE-4" A true miniature; one of the 4 known forms of Pumila; sought by every breeder of Dwarfs. A midget, only 4" high. A deep violet-blue self with a blackish violet area like a black signal around lilac-blue beard. Even the pollen is blue. It is believed all blue Dwarfs stemmed from Sulina or some other similar form. So this is a collector's item for any Dwarf hybridizer.....\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35

**STYLISH** (Welch '51) ★ EE-8" Experts consider this as near perfection as any Dwarf. Should be an ideal parent for breeding. Walter Welch says "If it has a fault, I cannot find it." An absolutely new distinct color. A glowing petunia violet self with a blue beard, a rich ensemble. Wonderful wide petals, domed standards, flaring falls with clean hafts, heavy substance. Fertile. HM'52 — [Balkan x Endymion]...\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35

**PRIMUS** (Welch '50) ★ EE-6" The truest and finest dwarf variegata in existence today. Standards clear yellow, nearly closed. Falls smooth, lustrous mahogany, or brownish red, with neat yellow border like standards. A profuse bloomer, and close to a perfect Dwarf. In great demand by both Dwarf fans and hybridizers. HM'50; Caparne '51 — [(Chamaeiris x Sass Dark Ruby) x Cook 1546].....

**HILL'S RED SEEDLING** Ⓢ EE-6" Red Dwarfs are scarce, and here is one of the nicest, a self in rich reddish wine with velvety falls. Light blue beard...\$1.50

**CUP & SAUCER** (Welch '51) Ⓢ E-6" A new dwarf of intriguing form suggesting the name—standards form a true cup sitting upon the saucer-like falls. Coloring is also very distinctive. Standards light mulberry. Falls a light pink ground heavily overlaid with mahogany red veins. A prolific bloomer that has real personality. [(Sass Dk. Ruby x Purple Beauty) x I. Arenaria].....

**FAIRY FLAX** (Cook '51) Ⓢ EE-11" One of the new strain Dwarfs developed by Mr. Cook and growing nearly 1 foot high. A clear light blue self with a white beard. Very blue and clear in tone. HM'51 — [Cook 10942 x blue Pumila]....\$1.25; 3 for \$2.85

**PATH OF GOLD** (Hodgson) Ⓢ EE-9" A very pleasing bright yellow self from Bride x Jean Siret, so may have fall blooming tendencies. Beard also yellow, completing color harmony. Fragrant. HM'51; RU Caparne '52.....\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

**ROSE BLUSH** (Marx) Ⓢ EE-5" Perhaps the largest-flowered real Dwarf. Petals sometimes reach spread of 5 inches. A smooth delightful pinkish lavender self with spreading falls. Prominent white beard. Often re-blooms in fall...\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

**BARIA** (Cook '51) Ⓢ E-10" New type released by Mr. Cook; stems nearly a foot high. A lovely light yellow with waved standards and falls. HM'51. \$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

**FIOR DEL MONDO** (Hillson) ★ E-11" A striking variegata in a novel pattern! Standards sulphur yellow. Falls ochre yellow, with strong variable markings in dark red Orange beard. Popular. [Hill Sdlg. x Yellow Frills].....\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

**BRONYA** E-5" A tiny miniature of refined form, very rich coloring. Standards mulberry; falls deep oxblood red, striking yellow beard. [Tony x Arenaria].....\$1.00

**TINY TREASURE** Ⓢ EE-5" A very choice new midget of proud carriage in bright canary yellow. Falls flare out horizontally. Blooms profusely. Sweet pea fragrance. Rare.....75c; 3 for \$1.80

**HEATHERBLOOM** Ⓢ EE-6" The largest red Dwarf I have ever seen. A striking deep Hydrangea red with domed or semi-pointed standards and dark velvety falls, lightening at the edges. A Dwarf that regularly draws the visitors with the attraction of the unusual. Pollen abundant.....75c; 3 for \$2.10

**MOON GLEAM** ★ EE-7" Choice large light sulphur yellow set off by a deep yellow beard. Falls, flaring, much larger, broader than in most Dwarfs. One of a new race of superior Dwarfs. [Sound Money x Chamaeiris].....75c; 3 for \$1.80

**BURCHFIELD** Ⓢ EE-7" My personal favorite of all yellow Dwarfs. Extremely heavy bloomer of intense yellow color, almost orange. It can't be beat for a low carpet of brilliant color, either in the rock garden or as an edging. Also tops for breeders. Best known variety for working toward a true orange dwarf. When crossed with violet dwarfs, it gives blackish shades.....75c; 3 for \$2.10

**MIST O'PINK** ★ EE-9" A much-sought pink Dwarf. Bright rose-pink color, neat wide-extended falls. Beard yellow. A superior form. [Rosemist x Arenaria]...75c; 3 for \$1.80

**AZUREA** EE-6" Truly delightful. A fairly large Dwarf, close to sky blue. Falls prettily veined in lilac; beard white.....60c; 3 for \$1.50

**AMBER QUEEN** EE-8" A novel and interesting Dwarf with tall pointed standards, light yellow; falls, long narrow, light yellow, brushed deep amber yellow. Beard, bright yellowish orange.....60c; 3 for \$1.50

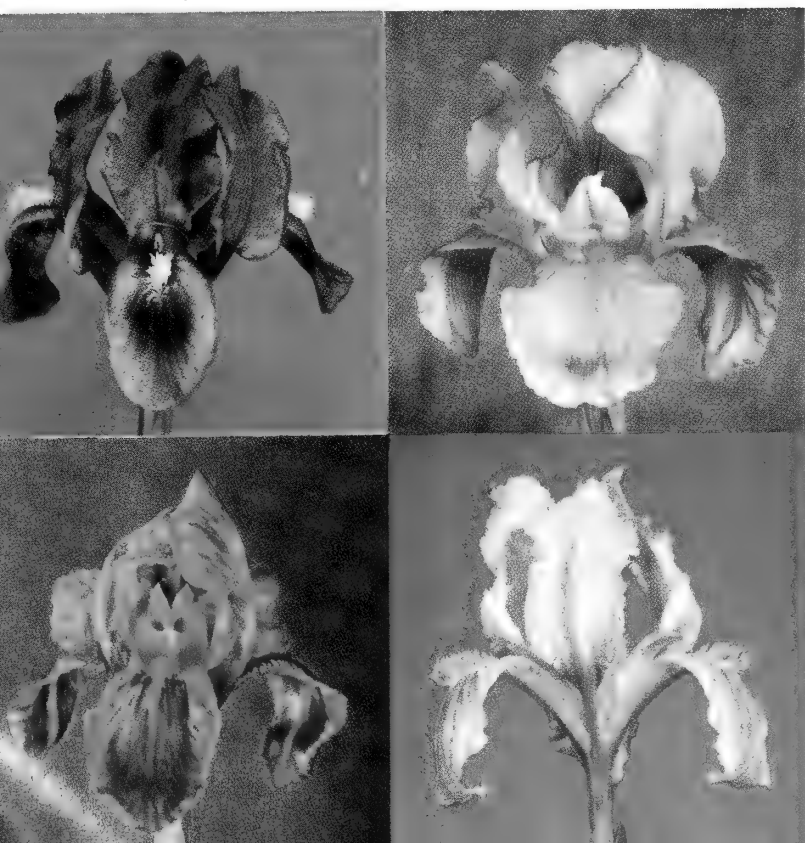
**LITTLE JEWEL** E-6" A splendid Dwarf done in silvery lilac rose pink with nicely cupped standards and nearly horizontal falls. Lovely coloring.....60c; 3 for \$1.50

**TAMPA** EE-12" Reddest Dwarf, a true miniature. Long-stemmed, nice for cutting. 60c

— Azurea, Fior del Mondo, Moon Gleam, Sulina...\$2.95

— Any 3 of the 6 marked Ⓢ for only.....\$3.95

— Any 6 of the 7 marked Ⓢ for only.....\$3.95



★ = Choicest varieties, especially recommended

ALINDA — Prolific tiny red-purple. 6".

BLUE BEARD — Marbled white and lilac. 10".

BUZZER — Dark blue lilac and wine. 5".

CREAM TART — Frosty yellow, red tart. 9".

CURIOSITY — Green-yellow, overlaid violet. 8".

DELPHI DEANE — Pretty yellow bitone. 11".

ELF — Velvety reddish wine. 9".

FAIRY — White, marbled purple. 6".

GOLD SPRITE — Tiny light yellow. 8".

HARBOR LIGHTS — Fine soft sulphur-yellow 6".

MAUVE MIST — Large misty mauve. 9".

MIGNONETTE — Lilac-blue and cream. 9"

PAIRIE GEM — Fine large intense yellow. 9".

PUCK — Stunning blackish violet. 12".

SAPPHIRE — Dark mulberry, black veins. 6".

SERPOLETTE — Ivory standards, soft violet falls. 5".

SILVER ELF — Creamy silver and mulberry. 11".

SNOW CAP — Delightful snow-white. 9".

SYRA — Blackish mulberry bitone. 8".

THE GREAT SMOKIES — Buff-black mulberry. 9".

TINY TONY — Rich mulberry red. 7".

VERDUN — Reddish mulberry, yellow beard. 9".

VIOLET PRINCE — Dark Burgundy, lilac border

YLO — Sparkling bright yellow. 8"



## Next Come *The INTERMEDIATES*

### For APRIL-MAY Bloom

**USES:** Plant just in back of your edging of Dwarfs. Also very useful in small gardens and special nooks where the big Tall Bearded Iris might seem out of place.

**BLOOMING TIME:** These nicely fill the gap in blooming season between the Dwarfs and the Tall Bearded.

**AVAILABLE SOON:** Garnet Treasure, Lilliput, Pigmy Gold.

<b>ST. OSYTH</b> (Meyer)	★ VE-26"	A pale, duck egg blue self—one of the most beautiful blue Intermediates in cultivation. Pollen very potent for hybridizers.	\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25
<b>BLACK HAWK</b> (Schreiner '41)	VE-28"	Stunning bitone with brilliant purple standards and velvety mahogany black falls. HM'42; AM'43 — [Lutin x Black Wings]	75c; 3 for \$1.80
<b>SNOW MAIDEN</b>	VE-12"	Splendid pure white, very fragrant.	75c; 3 for \$2.10
<b>ALASKA</b>	★ VE-28"	An ice-white of exceptional purity. The best white Intermediate. Nicely formed, with flaring falls. Enticingly fragrant.	75c
<b>RUBY GLOW</b>	VE-22"	One of the earliest and reddest. Velvety ruby-red, brilliant orange beard. HM'42; AM'48 — [Grace Sturtevant x Graminea]	75c
<b>DOXA</b>	★ VE-20"	Like the misty dawn. Standards pale cream, veined green. Fine for arrangement fans. Falls silvery white, flushed greenish yellow, haft veined soft brown. Different. HM'28.	60c; 3 for \$1.50
<b>GAYNELLE</b>	VE-20"	Best very early bright yellow.	60c; 3 for \$1.50
<b>RED ORCHID</b>	VE-28"	Brilliant ruby red, black veins, yellow beard.	60c; 3 for \$1.50
<b>SUSA</b>	VE-20"	Brightest of red-purples, rich and velvety.	60c
<b>GLOAMING</b>	VE-24"	Dusky bronze and velvety russet red.	60c

Any 5 of the above 10 varieties for

\$3.25

## Still Later *The Useful BORDER IRIS*

### For MAY-JUNE Bloom

**USES and BLOOMING TIME:** Border Iris resemble Tall Bearded and bloom at the same time, but are shorter—under 30" in height. Thus they are used very extensively in front of Tall Bearded to supply the needed graduation in height from path to tallest varieties at back. Also ideally adapted to small, personal gardens, special nooks. On elevated terraces their low stature prevents their flowers from coming at too high a level.

**AVAILABLE SOON:** Clematis, Scarlet Tiger, Tropic Moon, Utah Fiesta.

**ORANGE TWOTONE** (Austin '53) ★■ EM-24" A striking bitone greatly resembling the famous Rocket, but with a shorter stem (placing it in Border Class), and with a flower size appropriate to its class. Standards **very deep yellow**, arched, meeting. Falls bright **reddish-orange** and, unlike Rocket, with a **bright yellow edging**, making a stunning flower. Beard bright yellow. Quite unlike any other Border Iris. Pollen abundant.

\$4.00; 3 for \$7.95

**GOLD INTENSITY** (Austin '54) ★■ EM-22" Almost an exact counterpart of the marvelous Gold Sovereign but with the small flowers and low growing stature appropriate to the Border Iris. Standards **intense smooth yellow**, much deeper than in Ola Kala. Falls smooth, **very deep orange yellow** with an orange beard. A **heavy bloomer** often with 3 blooms out at once. Almost a self, and a **very smooth and rich piece of coloring**. Stems are almost as slender as in Table Iris, so this serves admirably for arrangements. **Plenty of pollen** for crossing.

\$3.50

**RAJAH** (Smith '44) ★■ EM-20" The one Border Iris that always stops our visitors in their tracks. Just about the brightest thing in the garden. Has the clearest, **brightest yellow** standards of any variegata. Falls **deep red**, with a **brilliant crimson flush** in the center, and a striking orange-yellow beard. Exceptionally large, nicely rounded flowers. Well branched and heavy bloomer. Destined to become widely known. Be the first to have it. [Cadetou x Marvellous]. In life-like color at right

\$2.00; 3 for \$4.50

**COPPER ORANGE** (Salbach '41) ★■ M-20" Extremely brilliant, always the center of attraction. Standards **intense coppery orange**; falls closely approaching scarlet. My most vivid Iris for so modest a price.

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

**PINK RUFFLES** M-27" An Iris of spontaneous appeal. Exquisite lilac-pink, heavily ruffled. Lovely flowers in great profusion. Unbeatable for arrangements and corsages. AM'42 — [No-We-Ta x Eros]

75c; 3 for \$2.10

**MRS. WILLARD JACQUES** 29" Watermelon pink, waved and frilled.

75c; 3 for \$2.10

**ROSE PEARL** ★ E to M-28" My personal favorite of all Iris in this price class. Standards **opalescent ivory pink**; falls **deep rose**, gilded gold. Long blooming period, early April to mid May. [Miss California x Golden Majesty]

75c; 3 for \$2.10

**VIRGINIA MOORE** VL-24" Does well in moderate shade. Very late, hence valuable to lengthen your season. A dainty bright yellow, prettily veined in brown.

75c

**CAPRICE** M-20" Perfumed deep clear-pink of great brilliance

60c; 3 for \$1.50

**GOLDEN FLARE** M-28" Delicate pink, infused with gold, bright orange beard

60c

— Rajah, Copper Orange and either Orange Twotone

Gold

Intensity for only.

\$4.85

— Any 5 of the last 7 above for only

\$2.95

## You Need *TABLE IRIS* For Arrangements

### For MAY-JUNE Bloom

**USES and BLOOMING TIME:** A distinct and especially useful type of Iris, resembling the Border Iris, and blooming late with them. But here the ideal is small flowers, gracefully arranged on slender stems and with narrow foliage. Hence much better adapted to table decoration and picturesque arrangements than most Bearded Iris.

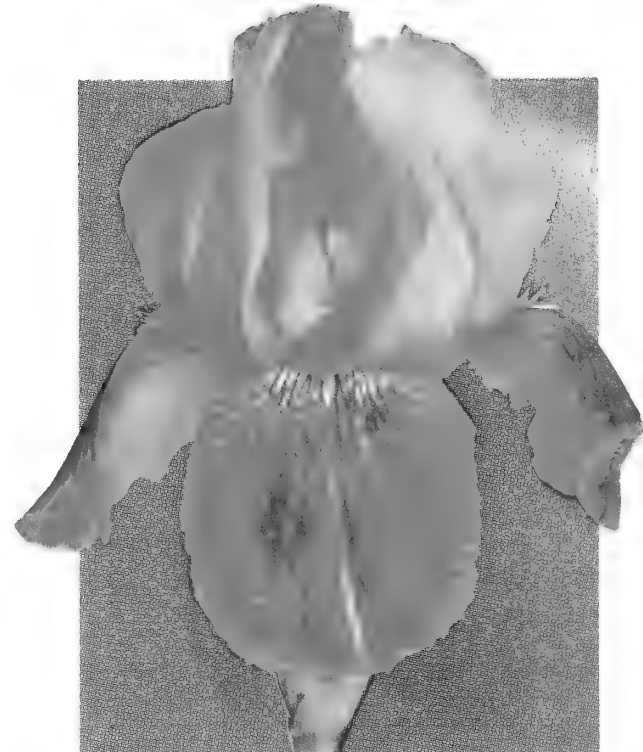
**AVAILABLE SOON:** Monarda, Montour, Pearl Cup, Treasure Trove.

**CRICKET** (Knowlton) Ⓢ ML-22" A striking variegata with plenty of contrast. Standards **bright yellow**, somewhat erect but closed. Beautiful **velvety brown** falls lightening from burnt sienna to cinnamon-rufus and with tiny **gold border**. Gracefully formed flowers with heavy substance and flared falls. Pollen plentiful. [Prince of Orange x Reyden]

\$4.00

**PINK DOVE** (Austin '54) M-26" Standards **lilac pink**, arched, slightly open, exposing pure white style arms, each with a striking lavender ridge down the center. Falls **deep lilac rose**, reflexed, with a bright yellow beard. Stems quite slender making this variety very suitable for arrangements. [Dogrose x self]

\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25



**RAJAH**—A real eye-catcher—Only \$2.00

**PRECIOUS GEM** (Nelson '50) ★ M-24" A new pattern in the Table Iris class, namely, a **lovely rose plicata** with white ground and a stitching and stippling of mulberry rose. A vigorous grower and a good increaser. A descendant of the famous *Parisiana*, one of the parents of William Mohr. One you will fall in love with.

\$2.00; 3 for \$4.50

**PRECIOUS JEWEL** (Nelson '50) M-34" A sister seedling of Precious Gem. A dainty-stemmed **violet-red bitone** with falls darker than the standards. Petals neatly edged in brown. Distinctive and attractive.

\$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

**WIDGET** ★ 24" A Widget is a baby gremlin, and that fits to perfection! For here is a **whimsical baby white plicata**, so naive and delicate you will adore it. Standards white, speckled deep lavender; falls edged and peppered in the same tone. Beard blue-white. Imagine its usefulness in arrangements.

75c; 3 for \$1.80

**JOY** ★■ M-24" A blending of copper, orange-red and violet. A **joyous gem** for brilliance in the border. A little larger and sturdier than the usual Table Iris. HM'43 — [Esterel x Golden Flare]

75c; 3 for \$1.80

**DAYSTAR** ★ LM-20" Most unusual, for this is a dainty little creamy white with a **vivid cadmium-orange** beard. Flowers very small, hence adapted to various special uses to which larger ones cannot be put. Thin, wiry stems.

75c; 3 for \$2.10

**CHEWINK** M-18" A charming miniature in silky light **lavender blue** with prominent yellow beard. Flaring falls give the flower a jaunty air. [Vesper Gold x ...]

75c; 3 for \$2.10

**NAMBE** ★ M-21" A real slender-stemmed Table Iris that produces a **blue and gold effect in the garden**. Standards golden Empire yellow; falls *Hortense* violet blended to a margin of Empire yellow. New and striking.

75c; 3 for \$2.10

**ZINGARA** LM-17" Variegata, yellow standards, falls dark crimson, veins yellow.

60c

**TITMOUSE** M-32" Amber yellow, speckled and edged deep violet.

60c

— Order Cricket, Pink Dove and Precious Gem at regular price and get Rhythm FREE. (See Oddities, page 9.)

— Any 5 of the last 8 above, for only

\$2.95

## VISIT MY IRIS DISPLAYS

You are cordially invited to visit my gardens when you head for the mountains—the Gold Rush country—for your outing. I especially invite you at Iris time, which this year will start about mid April and extend until about the end of May, and possibly somewhat into June. The color photo of my gardens, on page 39, will give you some idea of the gorgeous color spectacle that is in store for you here where the Rainbow makes its home. This year the display will be particularly fine, and most exciting for everyone. I will have **many brand NEW named Iris creations**, from various parts of the world, **blooming here for the first time**. Most of these have never been listed in any of my previous catalogs, and are the very last word in Iris. Once you have been here at blooming time, you will look forward, as do countless others, to this trip as an annual event. Color camera fans will find this garden a Rainbow Paradise.

Many of you will receive this catalog in the summer, too late to see our 1955 displays. If you would like to plan to come in 1956, just **attach a note** (with your name and address) to your order asking that you be notified next spring shortly in advance of peak bloom. These many requests are filed separately from the orders, so please do not put this on the order itself. Blooming time varies greatly from year to year so it pays to send a postal asking when to come; or phone Placerville 74 J2.

## HOW TO REACH THE GARDENS

My gardens are on a hilltop among the evergreens, not far from the Lincoln Highway, U. S. 50, the road to Lake Tahoe. After passing the Highway Patrol Office (California Department of Motor Vehicles) on the eastern outskirts of Placerville, watch closely for our sign on the LEFT, on Carson Road opposite Hangtown Pharmacy. Follow our signs to the gardens, about three miles. **Bring your Iris-loving friends**. Let them, too, enjoy our unfolding pageant of beauty. We'll be looking for you.

While many garden plants are best moved in the winter, Iris are different. Most Iris are best planted in the SUMMER; a few kinds in the FALL, as explained under the different types of Iris. It is to your advantage to place your order soon after this catalog reaches you.

# These FIVE Types of Graceful **BEARDLESS IRIS** Will Make Yours A Garden Paradise

## SECRET VARIETY CLUES

Wondering how you're going to find the Secret Varieties among the Beardless Iris (pages 18, 19 and 34)? Keep looking until you find 4-2 in one type of Iris, and 2 in another. Secret Variety Game is explained on page 35.

## SIBERIANS—For Poolside or Garden For MAY-JUNE Bloom

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Tall Beardless Iris with slender grass-like leaves; graceful and fairy-like. Leaves die down late fall, and do not sprout up until spring.

**USES:** Since these flower so heavily when well established they are unsurpassed for color masses as accent clumps in mixed border; particularly effective near pools and lawns. Also fine as cut flowers.

**CULTURE and HARDINESS** (In brief): Native habitats make it evident that these Iris are all perfectly cold-hardy. They are of the easiest culture, and while they do best in fairly moist, slightly acid soil, they will grow in almost any garden bed. Heaviest bloom is secured in full or partial sun.

**SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Chiefly in fall; sometimes in summer. But order now.

**CLUMPS:** First price is for customary single division. Clumps, equal to 3 to 4 divisions, cost less than 3. Clumps are easier to establish, give abundant bloom sooner; so most orders are for clumps.

### PINKS — Rarest Color in Siberians

**FAIRY DAWN** (Scheffy '53) ★■ E-24" A new introduction to delight all lovers of the delicate and lovely in Iris. First pink bicolor in Siberians. Standards white, falls flushed rosy giving a general effect of pale pink. A gem for the front border. .... **\$3.00; Clump \$6.75**

**AHALYA** (Nesmith '32) E-26" No true pink self as yet. This is the closest I've found. Almost the earliest Siberian to bloom. A pale, pearly lilac pink with broad spreading falls. Scarce. .... **\$1.50**

**MRS. PERRY** (Perry) M to L-30" Light lilac-pink, similar to Mrs. Rowe, but blooms later. Together they give a very long season. The only Siberian I have seen with such pronounced decorative style-arms. .... **\$1.00; Clump \$2.75**

**LADY GODIVA** (Perry) E-34" Dainty light lavender-pink. Always a sell-out. .... **\$1.00; Clump \$2.25**

### Choose REDS for Stunning Effects

**ERIC THE RED** (Whitney '44) ★■ EM-30" The standard of comparison in red Siberians. Immense flowers in glowing wine-red with broad flaring falls. Floriferous. RU Morgan Award '51; AM'46. .... **\$2.50; Clump \$5.50**

**TOWANDA REDFLARE** (Scheffy '49) ★ 38" By far the newest red, already in great demand. A tall, large, brilliant red self, with wide petals and flaring falls. Between Helen Astor and Eric the Red in tone. .... **\$2.50**

**RED EMPEROR** M-28" Quite unique; wine red, veined in blue. Exciting. .... **\$1.25; Clump \$2.85**

**HELEN ASTOR** (Whitney-Kellogg '38) ★ EM-30" The one and only bright rosy red Siberian, one you could hardly pass by if you were to see it. Large, exquisite, a real color break. Seed parent of Eric the Red. HM'41; AM'42. .... **\$1.25**

### Lovely LIGHT and BRIGHT BLUE Tones

**MY LOVE** (Scheffy '49) ★■ E-LM-46" A sensational Siberian that is a real break. Unlike all of its kind, it has regularly rebloomed in July, in the cold Massachusetts climate, without forcing. Now released so breeders can start crossing with various colors to get a whole race of summer blooming Siberians. A large, stately soft medium blue of fine form and finish. One of the tallest, nearly 4 feet, and probably the best branched. Strong growth, long blooming season. A "must" for all who want the very latest and best in Siberians. .... **\$3.00**

**ZERITA** (Scheffy '49) ★ Distinct, interesting color pattern that stands out in any planting of Siberians. Petals medium blue contrasting prominently with rose-red styles. Similar to much-liked Zest but taller, larger flowers. .... **\$2.50; Clump \$6.95**

**MOUNTAIN LAKE** (Gersdorff '38) ★ EM-36" A beauty in deep medium blue, slightly ruffled. Center of flower and styles are lighter blue. Very effective due to its crisp, cool appearance. HM'42; AM'44. .... **\$1.50**

**COOL SPRING** (Kellogg '40) ★ EM-34" A novel and lovely coloring. Standards and styles pearly blue; falls stiffly horizontal, deep blue, blending out to the pearly blue of the standards. Flowers abundantly. HM'51. .... **\$1.25; Clump \$2.85**

**GATINEAU** (Preston '32) □★ 40" A favorite of mine. Immense azure blue with horizontal, prettily veined falls. .... **\$1.00; Clump \$2.25**

**NEW BLUE** □ EM-34" A deep bright blue that is always popular. Large flowers with semi-spreading falls of great substance. .... **75c; Clump \$1.80**

**SUMMER SKY** □ EM-32" A very novel and appealing color combination. Pale blue petals, strongly contrasting with pure white prominent style arms. .... **75c; Clump \$1.80**

### The Rich DARK BLUES and VIOLETS

**BLUE MOON** ★■ M-36" The first Siberian with flat flowers like a Japanese Iris. Imagine a Siberian with flowers 5" across, both standards and falls practically horizontal. Falls very broad, nearly 2" across; standards nearly as wide. Standards and falls deep violet blue contrasting with fully exposed pretty pale blue style arms. Destined to become as popular as the famous Tycoon, and a wonderful "find" for any breeder. .... **\$5.00; Clump \$11.25**

**NIGRESCENS** ★■ M-28" An extremely rare, very choice form with flowers almost jet-black. Infinitely valuable to hybridizers, as it gives dark velvets. Not available elsewhere. .... **\$3.00**

**ROYAL HERALD** (Scheffy '49) ★ The newest and earliest blooming member of this color class, and one that is sure to attract attention. A self in the richest of dark plum-purples, with drooping falls like black velvet. Handsome and distinctive. A noteworthy addition to any garden. .... **\$2.50**

**OTTAWA** EM-32" Very unique. Falls well rounded. A very bright yet dark blue-violet with a white patch and blue veining. .... **\$1.00; Clump \$2.25**

**GRANDIS** ★ 48" One of the most unique, interesting of all Siberian color patterns. Standards narrow, erect uniform mulberry. Falls much broader, white, sharply veined in dark mulberry. Extremely floriferous, blooms carried high above foliage. Wonderfully effective, unusual for landscape work. .... **\$2.00; Clump \$4.50**

**TROPIC NIGHT** (Morgan '37) ★ M-36" A descendant of Nigrescens. Has inherited much of the intensity of color. A violet-blue so deep it reminds one of the bulbous Dutch Iris. Large and handsome. HM'51. .... **\$1.50; Clump \$3.95**

**TYCOON** (Cleveland '38) ★■ M-34" The largest Siberian and one I can recommend to give you a sensational display. So outstanding was in color in Bul. 95; on cover of Sept. '44, Flower Grower. Richly colored in deep blue-violet. Now priced way down, so you need wait no longer. Morgan Award '51. .... **\$1.50; Clump \$3.35**

**CAEZARS BROTHER** (Morgan '32) ★ EM-48" One of my personal favorites, favored by many of our visitors over all other inexpensive varieties. A well-established clump is really spectacular, due to the masses of large dark violet flowers, very velvety, on four-foot stems. Really outstanding, in great demand. One of the few moderately priced ones good enough to get my red-star rating. Morgan Award '53 **\$1.00; Clump \$2.25**

**GAYHEART** □ EM-48" Large, dark velvety violet with striking white heart. .... **75c; Clump \$1.80**

### WHITES — Needed in Every Garden

**TUNKHANNOCK** (Scheffy '45) ★ M-30" One of the newest Siberians in my Collection. By far the largest and finest white of all. Simply superb, with great widely-spreading broad falls. .... **\$1.75; Clump \$4.95**

**SNOWY EGRET** (Cleveland '38) ★ EM-36" One of the prettiest of all Siberians due to the unique ruffling of the large exceptionally pure white petals. Falls bright yellow at the hafts. Tall and impressive. .... **\$1.50; Clump \$3.35**

**CRYSTAL CHARM** (Scheffy '49) ★■ E-30" A new arrival and a favorite of all who see it. Petals of purest sparkling white. Standards widely open, edges delightfully crimped. Falls relaxed, displaying the orchid-like standards. Exceptional branching. A profuse bloomer. Charming and especially lovely for cutting. Much in demand as it is the earliest Siberian. .... **\$1.50**

**SNOWCREST** □ A late sparkling waxy snow white, frilled **75c; Clump \$1.80**

By far the greatest bargains I have ever offered in SIBERIANS to make it easy for you to become acquainted this year with this highly useful and distinctive type of Iris.

**6 SIBERIAN SPECIALS** — The 6 Siberians shown in color, only **\$6.95**

**CLUMP SPECIAL** — If you order any 8 varieties you may have a **CLUMP** of each for the single division price. Be sure to mark "C!" after each on order blank.

**COLOR SPECIAL** — Mrs. Perry (Pink), Eric the Red (Red), Summer Sky (Blue), Gayheart (Violet), Snowcrest (White), for only **\$4.45**; a clump of each **\$8.45**

**5 FOR 4 SPECIAL** — The 5 marked □ for only **\$2.95**

A clump of any variety for \$1.00; 1 clump each of any 3 varieties, for \$2.75

★ — Choicest varieties, especially recommended.

★ **AVOCET** — 24". Heavy-blooming medium blue.

★ **BOB WHITE** — 26". Waxy snow-white.

★ **BUTTERFLY** — Graceful soft blue.

★ **DRAGONFLY** — 48". Very tall medium blue.

★ **HEAVENLY BLUE** — 48". Glorious deep blue.

★ **KINGFISHER BLUE** — 54". Tall light blue.

★ **KOOTENAY** — 34". Very bright blue.

★ **LADY NORTHCLIFFE** — 30". Huge bright violet.

★ **LLEWELYN** — 38". Large deep, bright blue.

★ **WHITE THROAT** — 36". Large blue-white throat.

★ **MARGARET** — Silvery Cambridge blue.

★ **MAY MORNING** — Dark velvety blue.

★ **NORA DISTIN** — 28". Violet, white veins.

★ **OBERON BLUE** — Large deep blue.

★ **ORIENTALIS** — 28". Deep violet-blue.

★ **PERRY'S BLUE** — Lovely bright sky blue.

★ **SNOW QUEEN** — 20". Low, late white.

★ **SUNNYBROOKE** — 36". Exquisite Alice blue.

★ **WHITE DOVE** — 50". Tallest white, vigorous

**BEARDLESS IRIS — Continued on page 19**

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Last chance to get these lovely wildlings.

**CAEZAR'S BROTHER** —  
**SNOWY EGRET** —

**GRANDIS** —  
**NIGRESCENS** —

**OTTAWA** —  
**AHALYA** —





# The WINTER BLOOMING Iris

For Mid-Winter and Spring Bloom in Mild Climates

## Beardless—STYLOSAS or Unguicularis

### For Bloom from OCTOBER to MARCH

**USES and BLOOMING TIME:** No other Iris is so indispensable in the garden, for these bloom from October to March, when there are so few other Iris or other flowers to gladden your heart. Perfect for bright spots of color in your garden, and for cutting for winter decoration of the mantel and dining table. Different ones excel at different times, so get a number of color forms.

**CULTURE and HARDINESS** (in brief): Grows in any soil, preferably in sun, or only partial shade. Will bloom off and on all winter between snowstorms. But in very cold climates best grown in pots, a cold frame or greenhouse for abundant flowers.

**SHIPPING and PLANTING TIME:** Only in fall, when new root growth is starting. Order now.

**CLUMPS:** Available as explained under Siberians.

**BRIDAL PINK STYLOSA** ■ 4" A real rarity. So scarce this is only the second time I have been able to catalog it since 1951. I do so now after many requests. A pale orchid pink, so clear and lovely it could fittingly be used in a bridal bouquet. The most charming stylosa I grow. Flowers massed above the very low foliage. .... \$5.00; Clump \$10.00

**LARGE FLOWERED STYLOSA** ■ Flowers often 4 to 5 inches across; nearly twice the size of common form. Bright lavender blue, with deep yellow signal. Very fragrant. An exclusive offering, so much in demand I recently had to withdraw it and may have to do so again. You'll be delighted with this improved variety. Stunning in a flat dish for winter table decoration. .... \$2.50; Clump \$5.00

**WHITE STYLOSA** (Alba) Pure white with a deep yellow signal. Rare. .... \$2.00

**MARbled STYLOSA** Most unusual. Clear lilac, marbled dark lilac in varying degrees. .... \$1.50; Clump \$3.00

**COMMON STYLOSA** Common lavender-blue form, used chiefly for massing. .... 60c; Clump \$1.20; 5 Clumps \$4.95

### Beardless Iris Cont. from page 18

## Tall SPURIAS or Butterfly Iris For MAY-JUNE Bloom

**USES:** Superb for tall accent clumps at rear of perennial borders. The flowers keep so long when cut and make such inspiring cut flowers the florists use them extensively. Why not grow your own?

**CULTURE and HARDINESS** (In brief): Fully hardy, easy to grow. Will bloom in sun or part shade, in either acid or basic soil, and will stand considerable crowding of other plants. Fertilize soil in advance of planting. Keep soil moist during growing season.

**SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Chiefly in the fall, but order NOW to get your pick.

**AVAILABLE SOON:** Bronze Butterfly, Lark Song, Monteagle, Wadi Zem Zem and White Heron.

**CHEROKEE CHIEF** (Nies '51) ★■ 42" Finest brown Spuria I have ever seen, and a great improvement over earlier introductions. Falls spreading, of a velvety deep brown color. Rich yellow signal patch intensifies and enriches the brown of the falls. Large flowers on tall stalks. .... \$4.00

**DUTCH DEFIANCE** (Nies '43) ★ 36" Blue is a rare and particularly effective color in Spurias and here is the best of the blues. Has attracted much attention as it has such splendid form, finish and substance. Charm enhanced by a yellow signal on the frilled falls. AM'49. .... \$3.00

**GOLDEN AGATE** (Nies '48) ★■ 42" You can hardly imagine the beauty and unusualness of this new Spuria, which is the darkest brown one to date. Very few have ever seen real brown Iris, and particularly not in Spurias, so here is one that will excite the admiration of every visitor to your garden. Standards medium to dark brown; falls have a deep, rich yellow under-color with a broad dark brown band running entirely around the blade. General effect is golden dark brown. A profuse bloomer on tall stalks. Flowers well spaced. .... \$3.00

**PASTORAL** (Nies '43) ★ 32" A new and intriguing color combination and one that will definitely interest you if you like to make unusual flower arrangements, corsages, etc. Flowers have the exotic beauty of an orchid. Standards yellow suffused with lavender. Style crests deeper lavender; falls orange-yellow with a delicate lavender border. Don't miss this one. .... \$2.00

**FIFTH SYMPHONY** (Nies) ★■ 36" Very decorative, deep yellow veined with golden brown, creating an almost orange effect. Falls frilled and spreading. Very effective for flower arrangements. .... \$1.25; 3 for \$3.45

**AZURE DAWN** ★ 48" Smooth lavender blue, lemon signal. Graceful. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

**BRONZSPUR** (Nies '41) ★■ 55" Try it as a cut flower. A pleasing, unusual combination of sepia, old gold and yellow, giving a general effect of brownish tan. The beauty is enhanced by artificial light. A splendid parent. AM'45. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$2.25

**RUSSET FLAME** 40" Rich russet over deep yellow. Charming. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$2.75

**MONNIERI** The best inexpensive yellow for mass plantings. .... 3 for \$1.45

**SPURIA COLLECTION**—One each of any 4 of the last 5, for only \$3.50

M-36" A cosmopolitan species, native to Europe, Africa and Asia. Will grow at the edges of ponds and streams, and in marshy ground where few other Iris can exist; also does well in regular garden bed. Flowers bright yellow, attractive. Foliage striking, often reaching 3 feet in height. 60c;

E-12" Try it for difficult locations. An extremely hardy deep-rooting species from Kashmir and Tibet that surpasses all other Iris in its ability to remain green when every other perennial is dried up and parched. Flowers dainty, rosy violet, prettily veined. Will grow in any soil that is not waterlogged. .... 60c;

### SUBSTITUTIONS ON FREE IRIS

Throughout this catalog, or elsewhere, whenever I offer Iris free as a Premium, Gift, Bonus, etc. it is understood that if the free variety you request is SOLD OUT when your order arrives, I reserve the right to substitute other free Iris of the same or greater value. Order NOW and avoid Sold Outs.

## WINTER-BLOOMING BEARDED Iris

### Bloom in Spring & Again NOV. to FEB

**USES and BLOOMING SEASON:** These are the most useful of all Bearded Iris for "Surprise Plantings" in mild climates, for they burst into bloom most unexpectedly in mid-winter, and their foliage is practically evergreen. In cold climates most are likely to bloom in early spring, with the Intermediates, thus materially lengthening your Tall Bearded blooming season. Try a few of these this year and see what you have been missing.

**CULTURE, SHIPPING and PLANTING TIMES:** Same as for Tall Bearded, page 20.

**HARDINESS:** Cold hardy except December Royalty needs mulching in cold regions.

**AVAILABLE SOON:** Aahme, Arcadia Buttercup, Noel, Springtime Madonna.

**WINTER FLAME** (Austin '53) ★■ E-32" I am pleased to present what I believe is the largest, finest red Winter bloomer available today. Persists in blooming each year in December or January, or both, as well as in spring. Standards smooth light wine red; falls velvety crimson with faint violet signal and distinctive light center line; also novel light buff edging. Heavily branched, with up to 20 buds, and 5 flowers out at once on each stalk. Heavy seed-setter. Will lead the parade of Winter Bloomers. [December Royalty x self] ..... \$10.00; 3 for \$22.50

**DECEMBER ROYALTY** (Austin '51) ★■ E-34" After putting on a bountiful display in the spring, this starts again in late November or early December and, if weather permits, keeps blooming till Christmas. For several years now, a huge bouquet of December Royalty has vied with our Christmas tree for attention. A large bold flower in brilliant royal purple, darkening to intense wine-black in the upper half of the velvety falls. Note-worthy for its smooth satiny hafts unmarred by the veinings so common in most varieties. Outstanding for its wonderful poise, substance and finish. The tall stalks sometimes have 15 to 20 flowers; hence, ideally constituted to cut in the bud stage before frosts get too severe, for almost unbelievable winter bouquets. Unexcelled as a parent, transmitting its admirable traits to its offspring. In cold regions needs protection, such as afforded by cold frames to secure December blooms. .... \$7.50; 3 for \$14.95

"Everyone liked December Royalty. It is a fine addition to our too few good deep purples." Edith R. Loury, Newton, Massachusetts.

**PINK PINAFORE** (Austin '52) ★■ EM-34" A charming pink plicata. Has delighted us by blooming first in spring and then again between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Standards with light yellow ground, so completely flushed and delicately lined as to appear orchid-pink. Falls wavy, heavily stippled and lined orchid-pink except in center, edged gold. Tall for a Winter bloomer, with simply superb branching starting about 10". Probably the only Winter-blooming pink plicata in existence and one I am using in my crossing. .... \$7.50; 3 for \$14.95

**CALIFORNIA PINK** (Heller '48) E-45" Mr. Heller states that where the climate is mild enough, as in southern California, this will bloom 6 months out of every year. One of my customers reports bloom 8 months of the year. Has a very long spring blooming period with additional later blooming periods, at irregular intervals, to December and even January, if weather permits. A tall gorgeous light bright orchid pink with a novel lilac-white beard ..... \$2.00

**ALTA ROSA** (White '37) EE-48" A tall, nicely branched Oncobred. Under favorable conditions this will bloom for 4 months, from Nov. to Feb. A rich rosy-lavender blended with warm bronze. Large flowers of aristocratic form. .... \$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

**TOURNAMENT QUEEN** ★VE-36" Most popular variety in this amazing group of winter bloomers, as it has a happy combination of color, size, form, and unusual texture. A luscious bright fuchsia-toned Iris with stiff flaring falls with a spread of 7 inches or more. Texture and lustre like closely-woven nylon, with petals flexed enough so portions of them are always highlighted. Prominent chartreuse styles add interest to color scheme. A vigorous grower. Very fragrant. [Betsy Ross x (Mt. Cloud x Cheerio)] ..... \$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

**BEL-AIR** (Milliken '47) 30" Outstanding large ruffled clear violet blue on tall well-branched stems. The ruffling gives the coloring highlights and depths which have a fascinating charm. .... \$1.50

**RUSSIAN BRONZE** (Milliken '46) ★ VE-30" Dependable long-season winter bloomer. Where climate permits, will bloom every week from late fall till early spring. Golden tawny standards; deep maroon falls. .... \$1.25; 3 for \$3.45

**FIANCEE** (Fremont '39) ■ VE-6" A large white dwarf that usually starts its long blooming season in early February. Interestingly marked with prominent olive green veins at haft. .... \$1.00

**BLUE RIVER** VE-36" Enticingly fragrant. A lovely clear light medium blue with a harmonizing pale blue beard. .... 75c

**SAN PASQUAL** ★ VE-36" A wonderful large, nicely-formed flower greatly resembling the famous Ranger, except that this has a bright yellow beard. Standards light carmine, closed, somewhat conical; falls rich, dark velvety carmine. Fragrant. Moderate amount of pollen. .... 75c

**REICHENBACHII** EE-8" Delightful yellow dwarf, marbled lilac. Persistent winter and spring bloomer. .... 60c; 3 for \$1.50

**NEWEST WINTER BLOOMERS**—Order December Royalty and Pink Pinafore at regular price and get Winter Flame FREE.

**WINTER RAINBOW**—Any 5 of the last 9 above for only \$4.95

### IRIS for DECEMBER Church Decorations

When your garden reaches the point where you can furnish your church with a lavish floral display of IRIS in December, you will, without question, rank as an Iris fancier. It's not so difficult. In spite of heavy digging in our garden to fill orders, and the sending out of many of the best rhizomes, we arranged the local church decorations on December 9 using several hundred stalks of over 50 Iris varieties. It was when the Autumn bloomers were ending and the winter bloomers were starting. Outstanding were Lady Moon, Joseph's Mantle, Winter Flame, Sally Ann, Autumn Delight and Pink Pinafore. Even Autumn Twilight, which had been blooming for 4 months, had one stalk left! Now you try it.

Please! Do not write notes and letters on your order blank. Use a separate sheet of paper, bearing your name and full address. Thanks!

# The Iris Rainbow

PINKS - FLAMINGO PINKS - ORCHID PINKS - PASTEL PINKS - PEACH PINKS - ROSE PINKS - PINK BITONES - PINK BITONES AND BICOLORS - PINK PLOCATAS  
 REDS - VIVID RED PLOCATAS - CRIMSON AND BLUE BLENDS - CRIMSON SELFS - SCARLET SELFS - RED BITONES - HARMONIZING BICOLORS - CONTRASTING BICOLORS  
 ORANGE - VARYING HUES OF ORANGE - BITONES AND BICOLORS - SALMON AND APRICOT BLENDS - BUFF AND BROWN BEAUTIES - BRONZE AND COPPER  
 YELLOWS - ENRICHED WITH BROWN - BRIGHT AND DEEP - SOFT AND LIGHT - CREAM AND IVORY TONES - YELLOW BITONES AND BICOLORS - YELLOW PLOCATAS  
 GREENS - SEA-FOAM GREEN OR CHARTREUSE - THE GREENISH WHITES - OLIVE AND CRESS GREENS - BITONES AND BICOLORS - EMERALD AND FOREST GREENS  
 BLUES - PALE BLUES - SKYBLUE TONES - BLUE PLOCATAS - BRIGHT AND DEEP BLUES - BITONES AND BICOLORS - VIOLET BITONES AND BICOLORS  
 VIOLETS - BLUE-VIOLETS AND ROYAL PURPLES - THE NEAR BLACKS - THE BLACK BITONES AND BICOLORS - LAVENDER FANCIES - GREY AND SILVER BEAUTIES  
 LAVENDERS - IRIS IN LAVENDER AND BICOLORS - WITH LAVENDER OR YELLOW INFLUENCE - PURE WHITES  
 WHITES - WHITE PLOCATAS AND BICOLORS

## GIANT or TALL BEARDED IRIS

ARRANGED BY COLOR AND SEASON OF BLOOM

To form a Living Spectrum in rhythmic transition from color to color

For Bloom in MAY and JUNE

**USES:** Tall Bearded Iris are adapted by height, size of flowers, and by the wide range of colors, for your main colorful displays in late spring. My Supplement gives many detailed suggestions on utilizing these and other iris.

**BLOOMING TIMES:** The peak of Tall Bearded bloom is usually around April 1 in the South, May 1 on much of the Pacific Coast, and June 1 in most of the East. However, the earliest varieties come out 4 to 5 weeks before the latest ones; hence a careful selection of varieties will greatly lengthen your blooming season.

**CULTURE AND HARDINESS:** All Bearded Iris are of the easiest culture and will thrive in almost any garden bed. Select a well-drained spot that is at least partially sunny, and preferably in full sun. Well in advance of planting thoroughly mix in some well-rotted manure or complete commercial fertilizer. If soil is at all inclined to be soggy, plant on raised beds or ridges. Space the rhizomes 12" to 15" apart. Cover the rhizome (bulb-like portion) only about one-half inch, but set the slender roots deeply and well spread out. Water thoroughly. Keep moderately moist at least until new growth starts. Best kept moderately moist all summer, but where summers are dry and water is scarce, all Bearded Iris may be left dry all summer. Most varieties are hardy to winter cold. But in cold climates it is advisable to mulch well with straw at least the first winter to prevent frost heaving. If you want the largest flowers, the tallest stalks and the most abundant bloom from well-established clumps be sure NOT to disturb your new plantings for at least three years. But when the clumps become overcrowded dig them up in the summer and break apart, saving the best of the young new rhizomes for replanting. Many additional suggestions in my Manual.

**SHIPPING & PLANTING TIMES:** July to October for all types of Bearded Iris.

**AVAILABLE SOON:** Arabi Pasha, Apricot Glory, Aunt Amoret, Black Satin, Bold Contrast, Broadripple, Bronze Symphony, Castle Rock, Challenge, Chiquita, Clara B., Cordolon, Dark Chocolate, Defiance, Firebird, Firebright, Frontier Days, Garnet Glow, Gene Wild, Golden Hawk, Green Ivory, Inca Chief, Keene Valley, Marsha Kay, Midcontinent, Moulin Rouge, Pinafore Lass, Pink Enchantment, Pink Plume, Pink Sails, Queen's Lace, Rimrock, Rio Valley, Ruffled Apache, Sable Night, Swan Ballet, Wide World.

### SECRET VARIETY CLUES

To aid you in ferreting out the 18 Secret Varieties that occur in Tall Bearded Iris I give you this check-list of the sections and pages on which Tall Bearded Iris occur: '55 Introductions, page 3; Oddities, p. 9; Main Tall Bearded, p. 20 to 30; Dollar Iris, p. 36, and Novelty, p. 40. Secret Varieties are offered two for the price of one, if you find the secret words, as explained on page 35. Tall Bearded Secret Varieties vary in price from \$1.00 up to \$7.50. Six are Flamingo Pinks and Apricots and six are color plate varieties. With these helpful hints you can now start the game of tracking down the telltale words, and claiming your rewards.

### ARRANGEMENT OF VARIETIES

You will find my unique arrangement of varieties by color and season of bloom a great help (1) in comparing similar varieties and deciding which to buy, (2) in planning your garden for color harmonies and continuity of bloom. Also, many like to arrange their varieties in the garden in the same order in which I list them, so as to create a gorgeous Iris Rainbow. If you would really know Iris varieties and make your garden a mecca for Iris lovers, you should have at least one variety in each of the 32 color classes that I present below.

#### THE ORCHID-PINKS

Pinks With an Orchid-Like Infusion of Lavender or Lilac

##### Midseason

**PINK BOUNTIFUL** (Cook '49) ★ M-39" A new arrival of great promise. Pinkest of all orchid pinks and has perfectly formed flowers with broad petals of heavy substance. Very bountiful in the production of its gorgeous flowers. Tall and exceptionally hardy. A perfect beauty! HM'51 - [Seedling of Harriet Thoreau] ..... \$2.50; 3 for \$6.95

**LYNN LANGFORD** (Hall '46) M-36" A luscious deep lilac-pink, made even more colorful by a vivid orange-yellow beard and a generous out-pouring of golden yellow from the center of the flower onto the hafts, like gold epaulets. Smooth, silky finish, heavy substance. Beautiful. HM'46; AM'50 ..... \$1.50; 3 for \$3.95

**CHANTILLY** M-36" Highest orchid pink in '53 Symposium. The only inexpensive Iris with the now famous "Chantilly-lace" edging to the petals, which appear as if adorned with lace. The coloring is a luscious orchid-pink. Comes from the same breeding as Hall's Flamingo pinks with tangerine beards; Very likely carries a recessive character for this type of beard. A wonderful parent; I look for some very novel, decorative offspring. HM'45; AM'47 - [Maiden Blush x Pink Seedling]. Color photo at right. \$1

**PATHFINDER** (Whiting '48) ★■ ML-36" A wonderful new pink. Mrs. Whiting says it has been the most talked-of seedling in her garden. Blooms are large and round with very wide petals and wide hafts. While the color contains a little lavender, there are more true pink tones in this than in most of the others. The petals have a surprising glistening sheen to them and are of extremely heavy substance. Very prolific of bloom and increase. HM'48 - [Mirabelle x Angeles] ..... \$3.50; 3 for 6.95

#### THE PINK PLOCATAS

New Color Patterns for Your Garden

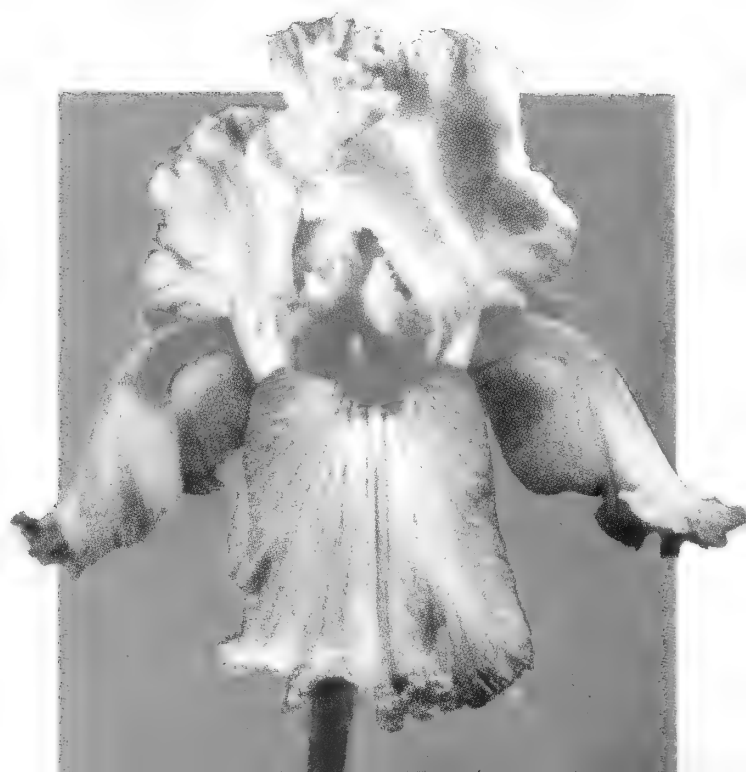
##### Midseason

**DAWN REFLECTION** (Stevens '48) M-40" Probably the largest plicata in existence and hence always a center of attraction. Immense blooms attractively flared and waved having a ground color of glistening ivory sparingly and precisely edged rose-pink on the falls and more generously suffused bright lilac-pink in the standards. One of Mrs. Stevens' most outstanding originations. .... \$3.00; 3 for \$6.75

**CONFETTI** (Schreiner '49) ■ EM-38" One of the very finest of the various pink plocatas, which to me are the loveliest of all plocatas. Confetti is the very first tall, well branched pink plicata with large flowers and heavy substance. Merrily and heavily stippled and marked with pink on a creamy white ground. A bright attractive flower that immediately catches one's eye. Splendid carriage and a wonderful fresh appearance. Try it. HM'50 - [(Madame Louis Aureau x Siedgried) x (Ruth Pollock) x Lady of Shallott] \$2.00

**LOVELACE** (Mitchell '48) 36" Mr. Kennedy says "Even if you don't like plocatas, you will like this. Good size, form and substance; and for color harmony and sheer loveliness of pattern it will be hard to beat." A ruffled plicata of exquisite form. Standards buff, softly stippled pink. Falls warm white completely edged with pink stipples. HM'48 ..... \$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

CHANTILLY—The Original Lace-Edge Iris—\$1.00





**THE ROSE PINKS**  
The Deeper and More Intense Shades

*Early*

**BRILLIANT ROSE** (Austin '53, Milestone Series) EM-42" It is hard to imagine a more brilliant Iris than this very large and very deep pink self, for the color is actually between that of Inspiration and Mulberry Rose, two of the very brightest Iris in the entire garden. Beard, unusually striking, nearly white. Well branched and a heavy bloomer with about ten flowers per stalk. This is the Snow Flurry x Inspiration cross No. 94 mentioned on page 30 of my Manual. Sets seed; pollen highly fertile. .... **\$3.00**

**PHALANX**—Like a Christmas-tree ornament. See Novelties, page 40. .... **\$2.50**

*Midseason*

**ROSY FUTURE** (Heller '48) M to L-40" A great favorite of mine. Produces large flowers in great profusion. A rosy pink so deep it is almost red. Beard bronzy gold. Long blooming season. Pollen plentiful. [The Red Douglas x China Maid]. .... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**INSPIRATION** ■ M-36" 1954's fastest selling dollar Iris. Immense bright deep pink, almost crimson. Petals sparkle like gold dust. Pollen very fertile, even on Wm. Mohr; fine seed setter. A "must". .... **\$1.00**

**PINK BITONES, BICOLORS AND BLENDS**

Pleasing Color Combinations Attuned by Nature Herself

*Midseason*

**MAYTIME** (Whiting '50) ★ ML-40" If you want real excitement when your new Iris come into bloom, don't overlook Maytime. Heralded as the finest rose-pink amoena, and a breeding triumph in a class that hybridizers have found difficult to improve. Standards pale orchid-pink, nicely rounded, cupped. Falls broad and round, deep rose, contrasting sharply with standards. So new and distinctive is its fresh clear coloring, it has evoked these comments of distinguished Irisarians. H. J. Randall: "Quite unlike any Iris I have ever seen." J. Wills: "I know of nothing else resembling it." Your garden needs this beautiful new pink, with its individualistic appeal. AM'53 — [Pathfinder x Shannopin]. .... **\$9.00; 3 for \$17.95**

**ALLINE ROGERS** (Kleinsorge '50) ★■ LM-34" Not since the dawn of history has there been an Iris combining all these qualities—truly immense flowers often with 8-inch spread; wonderful horizontal falls of amazing substance, surpassing that of any other Iris; and a most delectable blending of peach, pink and alluring buff. Experienced breeders who see Alline Rogers often covet it more than any other. It offers so much, makes one's imagination run wild on how it might be combined with many others. So outstanding it was named for the wife of a recent president of American Iris Society. Delightfully fragrant. [Cascade Splendor x Daybreak]. .... **\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**EASTER BONNET** M-38" Here's your Easter Bonnet with bands of gold upon it! Most colorful and spectacular pink I have. A rich yet soft pink, highlighted with brilliant yellow base to the petals and a narrow yellow edging. Huge, smoothly formed flowers invariably attract visitors. May give tangerine-bearded pinks in the next generation. Try it. Sets seed well. At my new low price this probably the best dollar Iris in this entire catalog. HM'46 — [Morocco Rose x Alastor]. .... **\$1.00**

**THE RED SELFS and NEAR SELFS**

In Hues of Crimson and Scarlet

*Early*

**SPELLBOUND** (Linse '51) E to L-40" A large, spectacular new red with wonderful horizontally flaring falls. Will hold you spellbound. A beautiful thing done in fiery red with smoothly blended golden hafts and a golden overlay on both standards and falls. It positively glows! Remains unfaded in hot sun, a rare quality for a bright blend. Has the delectable fragrance of spice pinks. HM'52 — [Tobacco Road x Prairie Sunset]. .... **\$6.00; 3 for \$11.95**

**ROSABELLA** (Kleinsorge '51) VE-48" Stands out across the garden due to its remarkable brilliance and depth of color—a deep rose red self with haft prominently flushed in metallic copper. A pleasing bronze orange beard completes the color harmony of this gorgeous flower. Very large, extra broad standards and falls. So imposing it will stop your visitors in their tracks! HM'52. .... **\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**

**PACEMAKER** (Lapham '50) ★■ EM-36" While we have had many fine reds, every Iris fan is eagerly looking for some real improvements in this popular class. Hence I am proud to present Mr. Lapham's Pacemaker, which may well outdistance all other reds in commerce. It is much too new for final judgment, but it is unquestionably among the top few reds available today. A bright red self, exceptionally smooth and possessing a silken-like finish, with an absence of detracting haft venations. Center of attraction of the '49 Annual meeting of American Iris Society before introduction. Holds great promise as a breeding Iris. Pollen highly fertile; sets seed well. Mr. Lapham is using it extensively in his own breeding; already he has a series of remarkable red seedlings. HM'50 — [Edward Lapham x Red Waves]. .... **\$3.00; 3 for \$6.75**

**SOLID MAHOGANY** E to M-36" An imposing beauty in rich, dark tones of crimson. A large flower elegantly formed, smoothly finished. Article in July '48 AIS Bul. by the late Elias Nelson comparing recent reds concluded: "Solid Mahogany combines virtually all desirable qualities, and I regard it as the best in the group." HM'44; AM'47 — [City of Lincoln x #38-13]. .... **\$1.00**

*Midseason*

**BIG TIME** (Lapham '51) Ⓝ■ M-39" An important new red from Greg Lapham and a splendid demonstration of what can be accomplished by planned breeding. Resulted from crossing Lapham's highly inbred line with Cook's brilliant red seedling from another long inbred line. An immense flower with bronzy red standards and falls of rosy red with a blackish overlay and a lustrous finish. Beard is heavy reddish-yellow. Really outstanding. Very impressive for its breeding potentialities. Full pedigree chart on request with every order for Big Time. Pollen abundant. [Red Waves x (Redward x Copper Rose)]. .... **\$9.00; 3 for \$24.95**

**PLUM PRETTY** (DeForest '49) M-34" A most unusual intriguing color, soft dark dusty crimson. A complete self with bright violet signal spot at the end of yellow beard. A new color that will be sought by flower arrangers due to its combining and harmonizing qualities. Pollen plentiful. HM'50 — [Calderilla x Tobacco Road]. .... **\$2.50**



**QUECHEE—A grand non-fading red—\$4.00**

**QUECHEE** (Knowlton '50) ★ M-37" Quechee has impressed me so much that I have taken a color picture of it and present it herewith to show you the intensity of its coloring and its wonderful flaring falls. A handsome garnet-red self with broad cupped standards, flaring falls and a thick short bronze beard. Unlike many reds, the flowers do not burn or fade under the hot sun and remain in fine condition due to their heavy substance. Nicely branched and a very good grower. Pollen plentiful. HM'50; AM'53 — [Prince of Orange x Redyen]. Life-like photo above. .... **\$4.00; 3 for \$8.95**

**TECHNICOLOR** (Whiting '50) ★■ M-34" Of all the reds I have bloomed (and they are legion), I believe this is the nearest approach to true spectrum red yet achieved. A glowing ruby-mahogany red self that immediately attracts every visitor. Surpasses famous reds such as Ranger and Solid Mahogany for color and smoothness. Fully cold-hardy and very free-flowering. Comes from Garden Glory x Rocket, so it is easy to see where it gets its brilliance. Pollen plentiful, fertile. Great things are to be expected from this in breeding. Already it has produced some remarkable seedlings for Mrs. Whiting and also the famous Defiance for Chet Tompkins. HM'50, RU AM'53. .... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

*Late*

**GREAT DAY** (Tompkins '53) Ⓝ ML-36" My first offering in a new series of very outstanding reds bred by Chet Tompkins. Done in rich glowing carmine it combines the best features of both parents. The lovely flaring form of Ebony Echo has been retained and Manana has given more brilliance to the red coloring and a complete cleanness to the hafts. Flower has same heavy substance as both parents, with their non-burning qualities. Finish is rich and glossy with carmine-black overtones. Strong well-branched stalks with many buds. A great favorite with all who have seen it. Yes, it was a "great day" when Chet found this among his seedlings. HC'52; HM'53 — [Ebony Echo x Manana]. .... **\$20.00**

**ALI BABA** (Lyon '52) ★ M-L-44" A sister seedling to The Mad Hatter whose deep maroon coloring contrasts with the bright red of Ali Baba. The standards are flushed with garnet-brown and the falls are deep brownish-garnet-red. Does not fade in the hot sun. Flower very large and impressive. Best garden effect obtained when planted where the afternoon sun filters through the blossoms. Pleasing fragrance. [Ranger x Cordovan]. .... **\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**THE MAD HATTER** (Lyon '51) M & L-42" A 1951 introduction that already has promise of leading the parade of dark, rich reds. Color is the deepest of maroon reds with velvety falls overlaid with blackish maroon. An imposing flower abundantly produced on tall 3½ foot stalks with good branching. From Ranger x Cordovan, and, like all of its sister seedlings, emits the sweetest and most pleasing fragrance. Crosses of this with Pacemaker and Technicolor represent the next major step in breeding better reds. May re-bloom. HM'51. .... **\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**FLAMING FIRE** (Sass '50) ■ LM-38" From two of our most famous Iris, The Red Douglas crossed with Prairie Sunset, Sass Brothers have produced an immense flaming red bitone. Standards light red, infused with gold. Falls bright crimson red with a sharply contrasting yellow beard. A very heavy bloomer and a good increaser. Tall well-branched stalks. Yields fertile pollen, should be fine for crossing for better reds. .... **\$2.50**

**SARAH GOODLOE** (Douglas '49) Ⓝ ML-38" A red of distinctive form and coloring. Standards arched, conical and pointed giving a very interesting effect. Dark crimson standards, almost black maroon falls with velvety finish. A highly unique feature is that the hafts are almost green. Pollen plentiful. Pleasingly fragrant. HC'48; HM'49 — [Display x ((Scarlet O'Hara x Soldano) x Gallant Leader)]. .... **\$2.50**

**REGIS ROYAL** (Marx '50) ML-38" A new giant that will appeal to Iris fanciers and especially those who desire something different in red Iris. An absolute self in rose tones and garnet red. Some of the experts consider this the nearest approach to true red yet attained. Visitors invariably refer to it as a striking "red" and not as a brown, copper, or purple as is the case with so many of the so-called red Iris. It will do wonders in brightening up your garden. [Prairie Sunset x Garden Magic]. .... **\$2.00**

**RELENTLESS** (P. Cook '48) ML-38" A solid deep red extending throughout the whole flower, even including the hafts. Vigorous and hardy, and most dependable in bloom. Splendid substance. HM'50. .... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**RED MAJESTY** (Douglas '46) L-42" An extra large flower of exceptionally good form; flaring falls with excellent substance. Petals gently waved, slightly ruffled. A rose-red self with a bright yellow glow in center. Beard bright yellow ending in a distinct crest. Late flowering. HC'45; HM'48. .... **\$1.50**

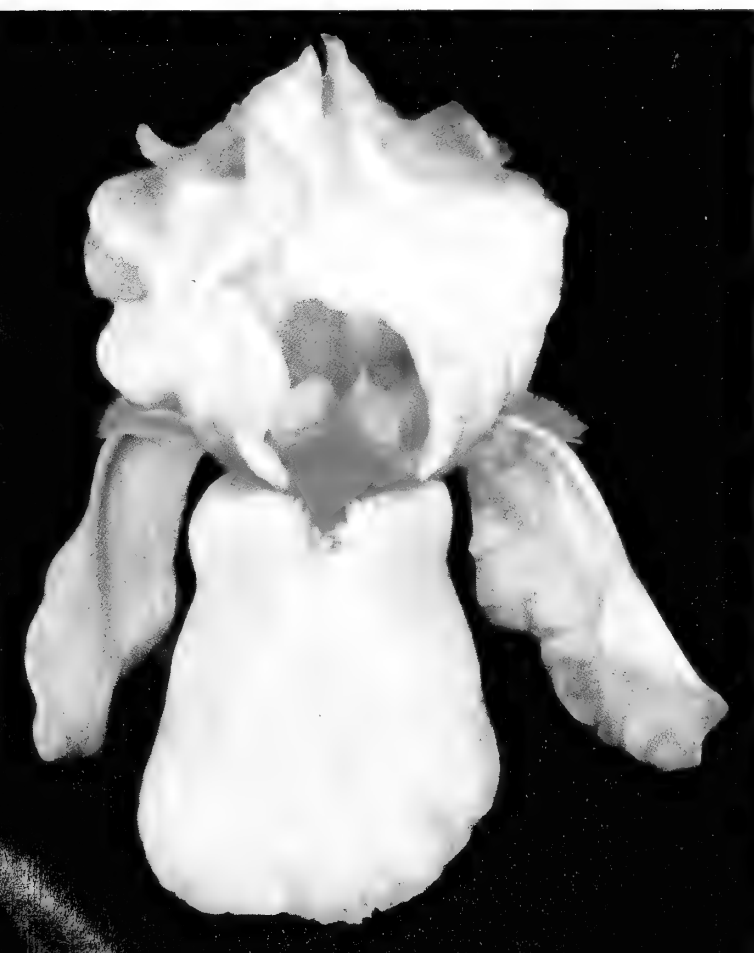
*You'll find the hardy REGELIAS and ONCOGELIAS much easier to grow than you think. Give them a try in '55 and you'll wonder how you gardened without them. Pages 6 to 8.*



**STRATHMORE**—From England—\$7.50

**STRATHMORE** (Morris '49) ★■ EM-32" As so many have been eager to learn more about this much-heralded new pink from England, I have taken an Ektachrome in natural color and this is reproduced here for you. A beautiful clear light salmon pink. A flower of remarkable purity and trueness of color. In close harmony with this virtue is an exceptionally smooth, precise styling well shown in the picture. Beard a prominent feature, bright tangerine red. A good seed-setter and pollen parent. Very high among desirable parents in breeding flamingo pinks, to bring in fresh blood from overseas. Personally selected by H.M. Queen Mother Elizabeth and named for her own home. Now you can have it! [Edward of Windsor x Hall Pink seedling] See color photo above.....**\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**CLOUDCAP**—Largest of all Flamingo Pinks—\$6.00



## 44 TANGERINE BEARDED FLAMINGO PINKS and Seashell Pinks and Apricots

The most comprehensive listing ever published of the Famous Flamingo and Seashell Pinks and Apricots, all with tangerine beards in bright red, red-orange or pink. All are presented together so you can quickly compare them and select your favorites. And note that these are not from just a few hybridizers, but from 13 widely scattered specialists in this field—and yet this whole development has taken place during the last 14 years. Hybridizers find it very advantageous to cross different breeding lines.

### NEWEST and FINEST FLAMINGO PINKS

**PALOMINO** (Hall '52) ★■ E-M-36" One of the two Iris I nominate as 1955's most outstanding varieties. A new departure in Flamingos with a color pattern so distinct that it stands out from everything else in the garden. Standards coppery pink sharply contrasting with ivory falls prominently bordered in coppery amber. Beard rich red-tangerine, bright as a bonfire, wonderfully effective against the ivory falls. A huge Iris of such splendid form and substance, and with such a marvelous color effect that it will indeed transform any garden. People sometimes feel that many of the Flamingos are too much alike but no one can say this about Palomino. It has no counterpart anywhere. To see it is to want it! **HM'52; AM'54** — [Hi Time x 46-31].....**\$12.00; 3 for \$23.95**

**MARY RANDALL** — 1954 Dykes winner. See my Novelties, page 40.....**\$15.00**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** (Hall '52) ★■ EM-ML-36" Dave Hall has given us more Flamingo Pinks than any other breeder and this is believed to be the peer of all his creations. Imagine a flower in the deep rich coloring of Heritage but twice as large. Reminds one of the notable varieties, Ballerina and Pink Sensation. More colorful than either of these. Flowers are beautifully ruffled and very striking when used in arrangements. Unlike some of the Flamingo Pinks, this has lots of vigor and vitality and will form a heavy blooming clump for you in a hurry. One you won't want to miss. Very long blooming season. **HM'52; AM'54**.....**\$8.00; 3 for \$15.95**

**BENTON OPHELIA** (Morris '51) ML-36" The very latest release from the breeder of the renowned Strathmore. A delicately lovely flower of fine size and form. Light, rosy flesh pink deepening at the throat. Falls highlighted by bright apricot beard. Falls semi-flaring of great substance; no venations or shading to mar the beauty of this flower. **Bronze Medal '50**.....**\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**CUPID'S DART** — Twice-blooming ivory pink giant, page 13.....**\$8.00**

**MARSALA** (DeForest '48) Ⓝ ML-34" A beauty, most easily described as an improved Pagan Princess in a somewhat deeper color with a beard that is more of a reddish-orange. The flower is fuller and the falls broader, especially at the hafts which are close to 2" wide. The bright Persian Rose coloring attracts visitors from afar. [A Sister Seedling of Color Carnival].....**\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**DOLLY VARDEN** (Hall '50) ■★ M-36" The very largest of all of the famous Hall Flamingos. Almost equal to Cloudcap in size and of much more flaring form. A lovely light pink with a slight overlay of salmon. Of good form and extra heavy substance, it takes the sun surprisingly well. Has proven a splendid parent for large pinks now so much in demand. Wonderful blood for rich colorings as it comes from Fantasy x Courtier. **AM'53**.....**\$7.50**

**NORAH** (Lapham '52) Ⓝ ML-40" A luscious apple-blossom pink with a deep tangerine beard. Unlike most of the pinks, the falls are almost as pink as the standards. Exceptionally well-branched, usually with 9 blooms per stalk. A splendid vigorous grower. [Bonny x Paradise Pink].....**\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55**

### FAIRLY NEW MEDIUM-PRICED FLAMINGO PINKS

**PARTY DRESS** (Muhlestein '51) ★■ ML-34" Delightful. Most ruffled of all the Flamingo Pinks. This immediately makes one think of a little girl's frilly party dress. The color is actually pinker than the famous Pink Formal. Here you will find charm, personality and quality. Reported to be the best new parent for tangerine-bearded pinks that is now on the market. It is fertile both ways and its offspring have proved to be remarkably fine. Has a long tangerine beard, yields highly colorful and varied beards in its offspring. Every hybridizer should have this. Complete pedigree back for several generations, on request with every order for Party Dress. **RU AM'53; AM'54** — [(Lancaster x D. Hall's 42-10) x Sister to Pink Formal].....**\$6.00; 3 for \$13.50**

**CLOUDCAP** (DeForest '50) ★■ EM-40" This is one of the most outstanding Flamingo Pinks to be introduced since the rise to fame of Cherie and Pink Formal. Already I have reports from six States—Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oregon, California and Tennessee—all agree this is the largest, tallest and one of the best tangerine-bearded pinks so far. The giant blooms will often measure up to 7 inches. I doubt if you have ever seen any Iris this large. Considering that for years most of the new pinks ranged from small to medium-large, this is quite an achievement, particularly when you consider that it is a delectable slightly ruffled blossom pink, with wide closed standards and broad falls with an enormous tangerine-red beard. A remarkable seed setter. Pollen abundant and very fertile. Complete pedigree back for several generations, on request with every order for Cloudcap. **HM'51; AM'53** — [SQ72 x 6-44].....**\$6.00; 3 for \$11.95**

**PINK SENSATION** (Hall '48) ★■ VE-33" I have tested dozens and dozens of the newest Flamingo Pinks and this has turned out to be the pinkest of all to date. A true, delicate light pink, without the usual influence of lavender or salmon, sporting a bright orange-red beard. A large flower, full and rounded, with novel lacinated petal edges. Pinks are always scarce early in the season and this has the distinct advantage of being extremely early, actually one of the first Tall Bearded to come into flower. One you need to start off your Iris season with excitement. Tops for the hybridizer. **HM'50 AM'52** — [Pink Seedling x Courtier].....**\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**RADIATION** (Hall '48) E-32" A vivid raspberry or orchid pink that has received almost as much acclaim as the world-famous Cherie. The beard is of deepest red-tangerine and is set off in a stunning manner by the wonderful apricot glow that envelops the heart of the flower. Exceptionally large, with domed standards, semi-flaring falls. Liked by everyone because of the brilliance of its coloring. Several prominent judges have described this as Hall's finest introduction. An Iris like this will do more for your garden than a dozen ordinary sorts. **HM'48; AM'50** — [Raspberry colored Seedling x Premier Peach].....**\$5.00; 3 for \$11.25**

**BALLERINA** (Hall '51) ★ M-36" From seed of the already world-famous Cherie has come this new, extra large ruffled pink that is very close to the last word in these popular flamingo varieties. Petals are wide and thick, the form ideal, remarkably lasting. A medium-light tint of pink, with an attractive luster, a deep tangerine-orange beard. Fully cold-hardy. Will make your garden right up to date. **HM'51; AM'53** — [Cherie x Floradora].....**\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

**TALLY-HO** (Hall '49) Ⓝ■ ML-34" Something new and pleasingly different! Upper part of falls is close to the deep coloring seen in a bright fuchsia-colored orchid. The domed standards and lower part of falls are lighter. Breeders will delight in having this as it is a wonderful parent; when crossed with clear Flamingo pinks it shows orchid pinks, golden apricots and even some burgundy shades. It is one of the parents of such delightful varieties as Heritage, Pink Sensation and Fuchsia. **HM'50** — [Fantasy x (Golden Eagle x pink blend)].....**\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**



**PARADISE PINK** (Lapham '50) ★■ L-32" This is now down to only a third of the introductory price, yet it is still **among the top few Flamingo pinks**. It is certainly **one of the very pinkest Iris released to date**. A self of sufficient intensity and depth of color to have real landscape value. Has a particularly pleasing reddish-tangerine beard. Of exceptional value to hybridizers as its family tree includes some of Lapham's fine reds to give brilliance to the offspring. Complete pedigree back for three to five generations furnished on request with every order for Paradise Pink. Pleasing spicy fragrance. **HM'50; AM'52** — [Forerunner x (Spindrift x Isabella)].....**\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**FUCHSIA** (Hall '51) ★ EM-34" One of the richest and most vivid of the new pinks. A striking **deep raspberry-pink, or fuchsia**, with a very thick beard that is almost red. A self of quite uniform coloring and with nice flaring falls, slightly waved at the edges. **Has a strong tendency for blooming in fall as well as spring**, and may turn out to be a regular fall bloomer. **HM'53** — [Tally-Ho x Fantasy].....**\$5.00**

**SYLLABUB** (Douglas '50) ML-28" In the words of a very prominent Iris hybridizer and AIS judge: "A vision of real loveliness in soft flesh pink—an absolute self, without a sign of reticulation and with a heavy and truly pink beard. It does not fade in the hot sun, not one bit; it has closed standards, absolutely, and falls that flare beautifully. It is of good size, and it has substance. The stalk is marvelous with four or five branches—long branches—starting close to the ground. I counted eleven buds on the main stalk of bloom." **Plant with Cahokia or New Hope for an exceptionally striking garden effect. HC'48; HM'50** — [Pink Cameo x ((40-10 x Melitta) x Flora Zenor)].....**\$4.50; 3 for \$12.35**

**PINK FORMAL** (Muhlestein '49) ★■ E to L-40" So outstanding it was the only Flamingo among the runners-up for the 1953 Dyke's Medal. For several years, Pink Formal has been running Cherie a close race for top position among the pinks. Pink Formal has a **richer coloring and much heavier substance**. **Close to pure pink**, but slightly on the salmon side with **intense red-tangerine beard**. Probably **unsurpassed among pinks** in its ability to stand up in the wind, rain and sun. I have personally found this to be the **most outstanding of all Flamingo Pinks in its ability to yield a heavy set of seeds** whether used as a seed parent or a pollen parent. A setting of pods with this has often been close to 100%. Already proven to pass its many good points on to its children. **AM'51; RU Dykes '53** — [Golden Eagle x SQ72].....**\$4.00; 3 for \$7.95**

**CRAITHIE** (Morris '49) M-36" Among the finest from Mr. Morris. A very bright, deep shell-pink set off by a brilliant beard. **Highly recommended in England**, now available to American Iris lovers and breeders. A rapid increaser, abundant bloomer. Often re-blooms in fall.....**\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**

**LOVE STORY** (Sapp '49) ML-36" One of the loveliest, **exceptionally pure true pink**, with very little of the salmon so common in most varieties. Flowers set off by a very **prominent scarlet-tangerine beard**. Flaring, perky flowers on tall, well-branched stalks. Highly recommended by all who see it. A vigorous grower, a heavy bloomer. **HM'50** — [Golden Eagle x D. Hall's 43-18].....**\$3.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**FANTASY** (Hall '47) ★■ EM-30" A striking **rosy-orchid pink**, or raspberry pink. A **deeper coloring** than most, so it is for those who want a brighter pink. The combination of this new color with the tangerine beard gives Fantasy exceptional fascination. Form, substance and branching are good, and it is an Iris that you will enjoy. Stands up well even in hot California sun. Has a **very strong tendency to re-bloom in late fall**. Is pollen parent of both Cherie and Fuchsia and one that I am using heavily in my own crosses. **HM'47; AM'49. Ektachrome at right.**.....**\$3.50**

**HERITAGE** (Hall '49) ★ EM-34" A Flamingo Pink that has been thoroughly tested and emerged as second only to Pink Formal in voting for **1951 Awards of Merit**. It is a smooth self, of **deeper color than Cherie**, and without disfiguring haft markings. Beard is deep tangerine. Nicely ruffled, one of the most flaring of all Flamingos. Many like it even better than Cherie. Heavy substance and good branching. You can't go wrong on this one. **HM'49; AM'51** — [Tally-Ho x Courtier].....**\$3.50; 3 for \$7.85**

**CHERIE** (Hall '47) ★■ EM-32" Pink loveliness itself! For years Cherie was the standard by which all other pink Iris were judged. So outstanding The American Iris Society showed it in color in Bulletin 109. A delightful light flamingo pink of remarkable purity of tone. Large, beautifully ruffled flowers of excellent form and gracefulness. Superb, too, for the breeder, for it sets seed, yields abundant fertile pollen, and is known to give varied and beautiful pinks—witness Ballerina, described above. Proved to be fully hardy in the colder portions of our country. **Dykes Medal '51.**.....**\$3.50; 3 for \$7.85**

**AN ARRAY OF INEXPENSIVE FLAMINGO PINKS**

**BENTON PETUNIA** (Morris '49) M-33" One of the first real tangerine-bearded pink bitones. Standards, clear bright peach-pink; falls striking rose-petunia. A flower with so much life to it that it will give a brilliant effect in the garden even in dull weather. Imported from England. **\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95**

**CHERRY FLIP** (Schreiner '51) E-34" A **real color gem** that is certainly among the pinkest of the Flamingos. A soft enamel sheen and a fiery tangerine beard give it real distinction. Most effective as a landscape subject as it is **very free blooming** and makes a mass display of bright color. [(SQ51 x Mulberry Rose) x SQ70 x D. Hall 4205].....**\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95**

**EDWARD OF WINDSOR** (Morris '45) ML-28" A famous pink heralded as the most remarkable color-break evolved in England. A phenomenal bloomer and seed-setter. Though it has defects itself, is proving a **wonderful seed-parent**. Sir Cedric Morris has produced from it Strathmore, Clasmont and Craithie. Standards light flesh pink. Falls pale buff pink, with markings of deeper buff pink. **Remarkable substance and flare.**.....**\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**PINK TOWER** (Muhlestein '48) ■ EM-40" One of the largest, tallest of the pinks. Resembles SQ-72 but is of a deeper color and better form. Beard bright geranium red, most becoming on the shell pink falls. Much used by hybridizers. Sets seed; pollen fertile. **GC'47** — [Golden Eagle x SQ-72].....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**TWILIGHT SKY** (Fay '48) M-35" Mr. Fay says, "During the past 4 years I have bloomed many hundreds of Pink Iris, and **this is the best.**" A pink of exceptional form and substance, with pink buds, red beard. Geddes Douglas tells us: "This has everything, substance, color, branching, thrifty growth." Pollen fertile. When crossed with Onco pollen Twilight Sky has given me exceptionally high sets for such a wide cross. **HM'50; RU AM'53** — [Pink Cameo x Flora Dora].....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

**OVERTURE** (Hall '44) M-34" Imagine a David Hall Flamingo Pink at this price! Has a rich orange-tangerine beard. A valuable parent for seed setting and as a pollen parent. Has award winning descendants Pink Cameo, New Horizon. It's time you tried it. **HC'43; HM'44.**.....**\$1.50**

**BARBARA LUDDY** (Lapham '47) M-38" A delectable new **saffrano or buff pink** with a distinctive touch of ivory near haft and around the broad, very red-tangerine beard. Unlike many new pinks, this has sufficient depth of color to give it excellent garden value. Branching is splendid as is the even placement of flowers. Stalks tall, strong. Sets seed. **HC'46; HM'47** — [Spindrift x Melitta].....**\$1.50**

**SQ-72** M-36" A super opportunity to get a first-class tangerine-bearded pink at a moderate price, possible as it is still numbered. A lustrous, light coral pink, **flashing a fiery tangerine beard**. Comes from famous Sea Shell; inherits the **pink bud**. Being widely used by experts in hybridizing. My **greatest thrill-producer** for so modest a price. **HC'47.**.....**\$1.25**

**PINK LACE**—A twice-blooming **FALL BLOOMER**. See Ektachrome and description, page 15.....**\$1.00**



**FANTASY—Captivating!—\$3.50**

**HEATHER ROSE** (Hall '50) M-32" A distinct and pleasing new color very close to that of Scotch heather; it **will harmonize wonderfully in arrangements**. Fine form, stem and branching. A descendant of Courtier that sets seed and has pollen. **HM'51** — [(42-26 x Overture) x Courtier]......**\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**COLOR CARNIVAL** (DeForest '49) ■ EM-36" So well received that it was chosen as the theme for the fourth Annual Sacramento Iris Show. If you want to stop traffic with a flamboyant Iris, just plant **COLOR CARNIVAL** out in front, where the passersby can get a look at it. I'll guarantee you'll have a flower that **will stop people in their tracks** and bring forth exclamations of surprise and wonderment. A soft strawberry pink with bright purplish markings on the hafts, and a vivid tangerine beard. One of the most startling of tangerine-bearded pinks, **one you are bound to have sooner or later**. Sets seed, pollen fertile. **HM'50** — [Spindrift x ((Salar x Sandia) x Prairie Sunset)] In color below.....**\$2.50; 3 for \$5.50**

**COLOR CARNIVAL—Compels Attention—\$2.50**





**PAGAN PRINCESS**—Note the Red Beard—\$2.00

**CLASMONT** (Morris '49) 39" First clear apricot self with the red beard, and what is more, the color is a pure, even tone throughout, giving a wonderfully luminous effect. Standards crisply domed, falls slightly flaring. Flower firmly substantiated, withstanding sun, rain, wind. Vigorous. .... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**MELODY LANE** (Hall '49) ★ EM-36" One of the largest and finest in this class, so I show it to you in full color. A rich, glistening golden apricot self that has descended from two flamingo pink seedlings. Standards and falls crinkled and slightly serrated around the edge in a most appealing manner. Beard very heavy and prominent, bright crimson. Ideal for adding an entirely new color note to YOUR Iris Rainbow. Pleasingly fragrant. A splendid seed setter with exceptionally fertile pollen. HM' 50; AM'52. Lifelike Ektachrome below. .... **\$3.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**MELODY LANE**—Breathtaking!—\$3.50



## PERFECTIVE PINKS — Continued

**PAGAN PRINCESS** (Douglas '48) ★■ M-38" Something new, a real eye-catcher, for it is the first deep pink with a tangerine beard. Standards lovely Persian pink, falls deep Persian rose, with a narrow edging like standards. Flowers large and well formed and have great individuality. I consider this to be splendid basic material for the adventurous hybridizer on account of the depth of color, and this variety is known to yield startling offspring. In great demand. Often re-blooms in winter in mild climates. Fertile both ways. HM'48 — [Pink Cameo x (#40-10 x Melitza) x Flora Zenor)] Photo at left. **\$2**

## FLAMINGO-PINKED APRICOTS & APRICOT PINKS

### A Highly Colorful New Group

**TOP FLIGHT** (Hall '53) ★ M-34" Resembles the already famous Temple Bells, but is more deeply colored and more of an apricot than yellow. A luscious smooth apricot pink that wins the praise of every visitor. Beard fiery orange-red and very thick and heavy. Plant this where you will, then watch your visitors congregate at this point. Indescribably beautiful. HM'53. .... **\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**JUNE BRIDE** (Hall '52) ⊙ M-32" A delectable, mouth-watering deep apricot pink with a new color which has heretofore been associated chiefly with tuberous begonias and gladioli. A large, lacy flower with remarkable stiff horizontal falls. The beard is very prominent and ever so bright, red-tangerine. A distinctive creation! HM'52. .... **\$7.50; 3 for \$16.85**

**TEMPLE BELLS**—Nearest of any to pure yellow with red beard. See Novelties, page 40. .... **\$10.00**

**HI-TIME** (Hall '50) ★■ EM-34" New and startling, a lustrous golden apricot with a prominent intense flame-scarlet beard. A true self with no haft markings. A vigorous grower and free bloomer; foliage resistant to leaf spot. Pollen plentiful. Has great possibilities in breeding; has already yielded Palomino. HM'50 — [(Golden Eagle x 39-62) x Premier Peach]. .... **\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**

**SALMON SHELL** (Muhlestein '50) ⊙ ML-36" Large, full flower of salmon pink with deeper salmon beard. Already proving remarkable parent for pinks and various new shades. It will be widely used for the quality it passes on to its children and grandchildren—many of them ruffled due to the Midwest Gem blood. [Midwest Gem x (Golden Eagle x 39-62)]. .... **\$3.00**

**AFAR** (Lapham '48) EM-34" Color is so bright and sprightly that it can readily be spotted from afar. An orange sherbet pink with a color cast all its own. A vigorous grower. Will add a new and appealing color to your garden. [Spindrift x Isabellina]. .... **\$1.25**

## ANOTHER GREAT CLOSE-OUT

### All Group Prices Sharply Reduced for 1955

If the flowers themselves mean more to you than names, I recommend my Flamingo Pink Seedlings with tangerine, red or pink beards. Particularly interesting because they include a wide array of light and dark tints and shades of pinks and near-pinks with tangerine or pink beards. For any given price, you are almost certain to get a better value in these seedlings than in named varieties. From outstanding parents as Cherie, Pink Lace, Pink Formal, SQ-72, Salmonette, Spindrift, Pink Cameo, Saluskin and Hit Parade. All are unnamed, but superior seedlings carefully selected from the many I have grown.

**HALL 44-05**—Probably the best of these seedlings, both for beauty and as a seed setter for hybridizers. Large lovely pink with intensely bright red beard. Earlier than any named or numbered flamingo pink that I have, and continues blooming till midseason, also often blooms again in the fall. Lots of pollen. 36". .... **\$3.00**

—The largest of all of my seedlings and larger than most of the named ones. A light slightly orchid pink. Tall, 40". .... **\$3.00;**

The following Flamingo Pink seedlings are no longer kept separate by number, and are now grouped into 4 classes according to quality and value for garden use and hybridizing. If 3 or 5 are ordered you may specify that they be the same or different.

**EXTRA CHOICE SEEDLINGS**..... **\$2.50; 3 for \$4.75; 5 for \$6.25**

**CHOICE SEEDLINGS**..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$3.75; 5 for \$5.35**

**VERY GOOD SEEDLINGS**..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$2.75; 5 for \$4.35**

**GOOD SEEDLINGS**..... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.15; 5 for \$3.25**

—8 different Flamingo seedlings, assorted grades, including 5 Extra Choice, for only. ....

(An exciting collection and a marvelous bargain! And to make it even more exciting, I'll include as an extra your choice of either \$3.00 value, Hall 44-05 or M-25 entirely FREE.)

## THE VIVID RED PLOCATAS and FANCIES

Bringing New Brilliance to the Plocata Class

### Midseason

**FANCY FEATHER** (Muhlestein '52) ⊙ ML-36" Exciting! It is rare that one sees such brilliance. A new bitone plocata. Standards clear light golden tan, falls clean, medium yellow with a brilliant red border. It will intrigue every collector of Novelties. Should be a very interesting breeder for plocatas, blends, yellows and pinks. [Rare Marble x (Salar x Gold Ruffles)]. .... **\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

**RICH RAIMENT** (Craig '49) ★■ M-34" One of the most distinctive, colorful fancies to appear in a long time. Everyone seems intrigued by unusual color pattern of this big new flower. Standards light crimson, flushed yellow; falls large, broad, of splendid substance, dark crimson with white lines radiating from brownish yellow beard. Falls very flaring, edges waved. Top material for exhibition. Pollen exceedingly abundant. HM'50. .... **\$3.50; 3 for \$6.95**

### THE RED BITONES

Standards Lighter Than the Falls

### Midseason

**CRIMSON BEAUTY** (Austin '53) M-40" An extra large harmonizing red bitone with wonderful decorative possibilities and a spread of 6 inches. Standards light sparkling bronzy gold with infusion of crimson. Falls large, spreading, rich, velvety dark crimson, with a slight edging. Flush of bright amethyst at end of beard. Most striking feature is heavy white veining starting beside beard and flowing out into the petals in a very attractive manner, setting this flower apart from all others. Heavy bloomer with 2 or 3 flowers on each branch. Pollen abundant. .... **\$7.00; 3 for \$13.95**

**FIRE OPAL** (Lyell '48) ML-40" Well named for this is, indeed, one of the most brilliant blends ever to find its way into our gardens. Standards, light red flushed yellow from base. Falls scarlet-red, heavily flushed from center with a large blaze of brilliant reddish violet. Beard bronzy yellow. Well branched stalks. [Amitola x Golden Treasure]. .... **\$1.50**



## HARMONIZING RED BICOLORS

Scarlet and Coppery Orange, or Crimson and Blue or Lavender

**FORT TICONDEROGA** (Smith '48) ★ ML-36" Few if any Iris can surpass this for sheer brilliance of harmonizing colors. **Seems to spit fire from every corner of its petals.** Picture standards of Mars orange and burnt sienna, falls very **velvety garnet-red**. Haft is clean; sports a brilliant orange beard. [Matula x Orange Glow] ..... **\$2.50; 3 for \$4.95**

**FALL DAYS** (Smith '47) M-43" Vivid autumn colors in your spring Iris garden! Imagine standards rose and bronze, with a shimmering iridescence of metallic cloth. Falls deep rosy brown, with a chestnut brown base and a velvet effect. Flowers very large, 5 x 5 inches, exceptionally resistant to fading. HM'47 - [Matula x Orange Glow] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$3.95**

**AZTEC INDIAN** (Buss '49) EM-38" A splendid new contribution to the blended variegatas, those with only moderate contrast between standards and falls, resulting in exceptional color harmony. Standards **ruffled, yellow with a faint but complete infusion of red, and with a sparkling iridescence.** Falls velvety, rich dark scarlet, with a decorative light line the full length down the center. A brilliant variegata of high quality, introduced in 1949 at \$20. [Brown Thrasher x Gypsy] ..... **\$1.50**

### CONTRASTING RED BICOLORS

Bold Variegatas in Red and Yellow

**HIGH COMMAND** (Long '45) ★ M-34" My color plate is so true to life that the flower hardly needs description. The yellow standards have remarkable clarity of coloring and the **blackish crimson falls have a leathery substance** with remarkable ability to withstand storms. An extra large flower commanding the attention of all visitors because of its size, coloring and the abundance of bloom. A "must" for every seeker of the finest in Iris, at a moderate price. [Eternal City x Louvois] ..... **\$1.50**

**STATEN ISLAND** (Smith '47) ★ ML-38" Ace of variegatas, and the standard by which others are judged. Has earned this enviable reputation due to real superiority. Remarkable clarity, **brilliance of coloring. Exceptionally long blooming season.** Standards domed, **bright old gold** with a metallic sheen like gold cloth. Falls very flaring, **velvety red**, broadly edged the same color as standards. Never fails to inspire exclamations of delight. Place it where you will in your garden and your visitors will quickly congregate at this point. HM'48; AM'51 - [The Red Admiral x City of Lincoln] ..... **\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**

**MEXICAN FIESTA** (Lyell '49) Ⓢ L-40" One of the most brilliant of the variegatas and a real eye-catcher. Standards vivid orange-yellow with golden glints. Falls Chinese red, lightly flecked light orange with coppery pattern around the full golden beard which gives added life and light. Strong stalks with good branching. Excellent pollen. [Brown Thrasher x Prairie Sunset] ... **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

### THE BRONZE BITONES and BICOLORS

Novel Color Patterns to Add Interest to Your Garden

**ORIENTAL GLORY** (Salbach '50) ★■ M-30" One of the two Iris I nominate as 1955's most outstanding varieties. This is the new name of the variety which received so many favorable comments as Oriental Splendor. Everyone I talked to seemed to have it on their "must-get" list. The **color and brilliance are dramatic.** Standards domed, glistening mahogany red; falls flaring, rich mahogany brown, changing to gold at haft with a brilliant violet-blue blaze in the center of the falls. **Get this and enter it at the next flower show.** HM'52 - [Brilliant Amber x Sultan's Robe seedling] ..... **\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**LADY ALBRIGHT** (Muhlestein '50) ★ ML-36" From two brilliant parents comes this vivid newcomer that will make a spotlight of attention in any garden. **A vivacious flower that is simply alive with color.** Standards, intense coppery-brown; falls, brilliant rosy violet, neatly edged in bright copper. CC'49; HM'50 - [Veishea x Bronzed Copper] ..... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**BROWN SUEDE** (Heller '48) M-30" A handsome and distinctive new bitone. Standards well domed, **enticing satiny golden brown.** Falls rich and **velvety or suede-like dark true chestnut brown.** Nicely branched stalks often carrying as many as 12 buds. Pollen liberally produced. [Junaluska x Sonny Boy] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$4.50**

### BRONZE and COPPER BLENDS and FANCIES

Superb New Color Minglings

**AL BORAK** (DeForest '52) ★■ M-36" A sensational Iris that is in great demand among the Iris fanciers. The **largest of all the horizontal-fall browns.** Imagine falls 3½" to 4" across by 3½" long, with hafts a full 2" wide. Standards **glowing copper with a gold undertone.** Falls lively brown-russet. Already demonstrated to pass its remarkable broad form on to its offspring. **You could pick no finer variety to use as a parent to work along this line.** HC'49; HM'53 - [(Her Grace x Prairie Sunset) x Copper River] ..... **\$9.00; 3 for \$24.95**

**PLACER MAID** (Austin '52) M-24" A lovely new fancy done in pastel tints. Standards rich rufous buff, with style crests in bright orange-buff appearing between them. Falls vary from white, flushed with lavender, to deep lavender brushed in white, in what is termed a "fancy" pattern. Falls edged with a broad band of buff, decorated with an intricate pattern of fine needlework in dark brown. Harmonizing bronze beard, tipped gold. One lady who saw this at our gardens remarked it reminded her of the **elegance of the wild eastern Lady's Slipper.** ..... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**PLACERITA** (Miess '50) M-36" A superb descendant of the famous Tobacco Road, having a more intense color and a more golden hue; also it has more vigorous growing habits. A large beautifully ruffled flower in a color resulting from a **mingling of rich gold, copper and brown**, blended together to form a harmonious whole. Sparkles as if sprinkled with gold dust. Falls wide, flaring horizontally. Low branched. [Tobacco Road x Matula] ..... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**BURNING DRIFTWOOD** (Milliken '51) ★ 36" A "must" for every expert flower arranger and for every home gardener who likes to have Iris of novel coloring for decorations about the house. Ground color like **mellowed driftwood** with a glowing orange beard from which radiate a myriad of colors—blues, violets and golds. Much like the fantastic coloring in burning driftwood. Intriguing. .... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**GENERAL PATTON** (Kleinsorge '47) Ⓢ■ ML-38" One of the great achievements of a great breeder. Bold and commanding with a remarkably intense rich red-brown color glowing with a wondrous metallic luster of burnished bronze. Petals broad, ruffled. A huge Iris with a spread often exceeding 7 inches. Has breeding possibilities for blends and reds. Fragrant. HM'47 - [#310 x Bryce Canyon] ..... **\$2.00**

*"The Iris 'Placer Maid' and 'Pink Pinafore' arrived in wonderful condition. They are the finest rhizomes I ever saw."*—Mrs. C. C. O'Brien, Greensboro, North Carolina.



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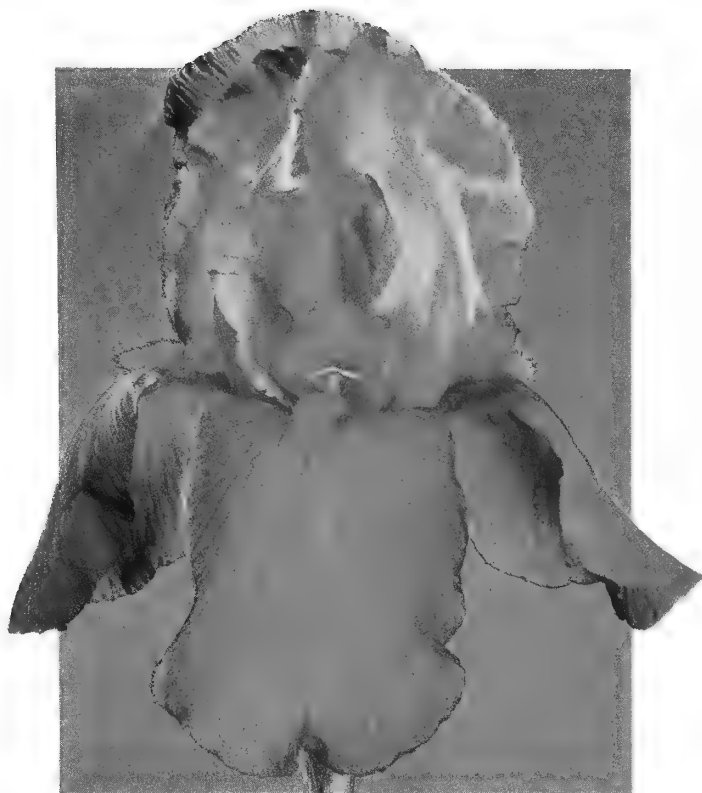
**BOLD COPPER** (Sass '50) ★ L-38" Lovely medium toned **brownish-copper** well displayed on exceptionally fine low branched stalks. Slightly ruffled, very pleasing. Color enlivened by a **sparkling glow.** Pollen abundant. [(Golden Age x Prairie Sunset) x Ola Kala] x Tobacco Road] ..... **\$3.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**AMBER GEM** (Salbach '46) M-36" Perpetual Trophy for best stalk, '53 Sacramento Iris show. Large blooms in an **appealing blend of bright chestnut and gold.** Standards rich golden brown shading to golden beige. Large broad falls **bright chestnut brown** with prominent veining of deeper brown. Large beautifully poised blooms. Branching exceptional, often starting at ground. Profuse pollen. Fragrant. HM'47 ..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

**RAINBOW ROOM** (Sass '46) ML-34" This bewitching new flower brings together **many of the colors of the Rainbow.** Seldom does one see such extraordinary placement of colors, so many multiple shadings. Flower seems as if lighted from within; surface of falls sparkles as if dusted with gold crystals. Form of the flower is about perfect and there is a lovely ruffling that adds character to the bloom. Pollen abundant. HM'47; AM'51 - [Y Blend #50-36 (Sass. H.P.) x Matula] Color photo below ..... **\$2.00**

*You'll Like RAINBOW ROOM—\$2.00*



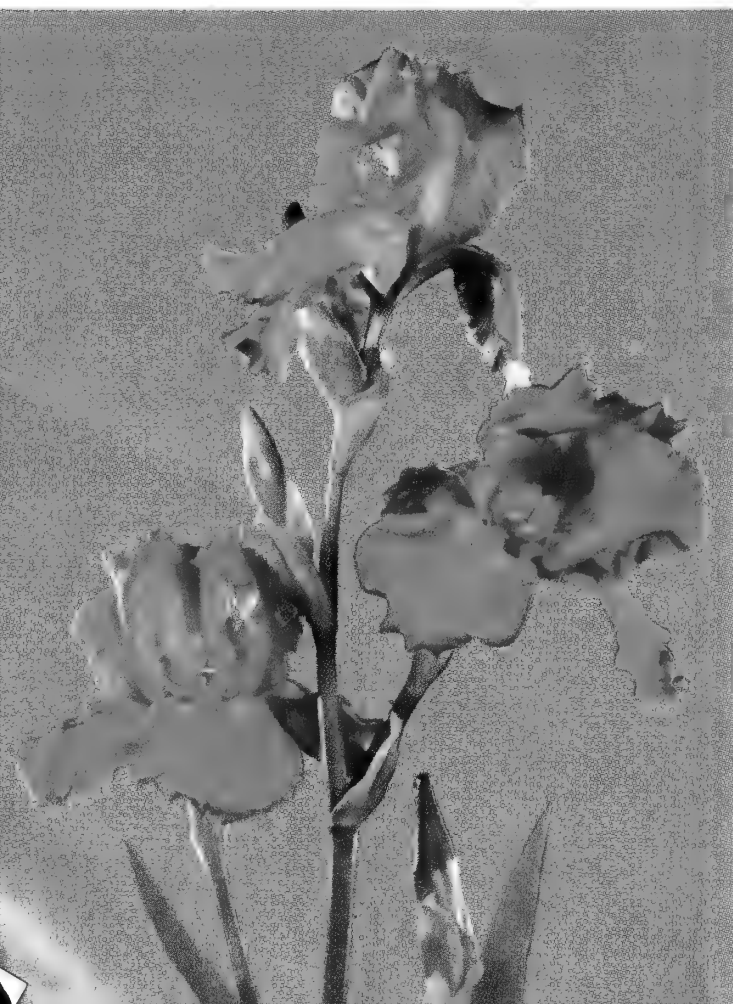


ARGUS PHEASANT—1952 Dykes Medal—\$2.50

**ARGUS PHEASANT** (DeForest '48) ★ EM-38" An exceptionally large flower in bright golden Argus brown that has taken people's fancy. From recent President of AIS Jesse Wills: "Argus Pheasant and Pretty Quadroon, which attracted so much attention at the Annual meeting in 1948, did well again. I liked them both, but somewhat prefer Argus Pheasant." And from President of The Iris Society of England, H. Randall: "The highest praise can be given to this smooth brown Iris. It seems to have every virtue, and I stake my reputation that it will be eagerly sought after in this country." Dykes Medal '52 - [Casa Morena x Tobacco Road] \$2.50

**GOLDEN RUSSET** (Hall '46) ★ M-38" Simply enormous, often 7" high, falls 9" across when spread out. Buds 6" long, like huge cigars. A sumptuous beauty in light golden russet. Able to resist rain and wind. One to cause every visitor to gasp in amazement. Very fragrant. HM'47; AM'52 - [(Invictus x #38-52) x Golden Eagle] \$2.00

**PRETTY QUADROON**—Ruffling adds real charm—\$5.00



## SALMON and APRICOT BLENDS

Color Harmonies in Rose, Gold, Peach and Amber

Early

**SUNSET BLAZE** (Kleinsorge '48) VE-42" A runner-up for '53 Dykes. Sensation of AIS Annual Convention in Portland in '49; since then has been sought by Iris lovers in every state. And no wonder, for here is a huge golden flame-salmon blend so brilliant it is almost red. Flowers nicely ruffled, with falls flaring just enough to bring out the color. Stalks extra tall, widely branched. A very impressive Iris one just can't pass by. Very early. President's Cup '49; AM'51.....\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50

**BALLET DANCER** (Kleinsorge '49) EM-38" It is not often that the form of an Iris is so distinctive and appealing as to draw visitors from across the garden. But here is a delightful golden apricot buff that has such wonderful horizontally-flaring falls that it is at once a focal point of attention of all Iris fans within sight of it. As you have probably guessed, the falls stand out like the swirling skirt of a ballet dancer. Standards are large, full and closed. Falls are very broad, heavily substantiated. HM'49; AM'52 - [Chamois x Cascade Splendor].....\$1.50

Late

**CASCADE SPLENDOR** (Kleinsorge '45) L-40" Tall, magnificent, heavily ruffled, effectively mingling pink, gold, apricot and tan. An Iris to stir one's soul, with flowers cascading down its tall stems in unbelievable beauty. Fragrant. AM'47; RU Dykes '50 - [Mexico x Goldbeater].....\$1.50

## BUFF and BROWN BEAUTIES

Try These for the Attraction of the Unusual

Midseason

**AMAZON TAN** (Hill-Son '45) Ⓝ M I am indeed proud to offer this beautifully formed flaring new Iris from Mr Hill. It was so outstanding in the seed bed that many of his friends urged him to introduce it. It is a real giant, gorgeous golden tan. Strong stem and vigorous plant with good increase. Fully cold hardy in any part of the country. [Prairie Sunset x Hill Seedling of Sandalwood].....\$2.50

**MAXWELTON** (Norton '51) Ⓝ M-38" A lovely golden brown self that has received many glowing tributes and that is said to be Mr. Norton's finest introduction. Standards soft golden tan lightening to gold at haft. Falls at haft bright metallic gold deepening to tan gold at bottom. A huge flaring flower that stands the hot sun well. HM'52 - [Alexia Seedling x Cascade Splendor].....\$7.50

Late

**THOTMES III** (Kleinsorge '50) ★ ML-40" Named for an Egyptian Pharaoh and already fabulous in Iris circles. The very latest of the Kleinsorge browns to adorn our garden. A gigantic Iris with extra broad falls and heavy texture in a glistening golden brown with an illusive iridescence. Won silver medal at London Iris Show. Will be in heavy demand for years to come. Better get your order in before stocks are exhausted. HM'51; AM'53 - [Mexico x Kleinsorge 314].....\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55

**RUFFLED GEM** (Muhlestein '51) Ⓝ ML-36" A lovely iridescent pinkish-buff becoming light yellow in the center of falls. Petals edged with a very heavy Chantilly-lace, even heavier than in Chantilly. Beard bright yellow ending in a crest. A very distinctive Iris. Should be useful as a breeder for ruffling or pinks. Lots of pollen. [Midwest Gem x Sib to Dream Girl].....\$2.50

**TOBACCO ROAD** (Kleinsorge '42) ■ ML-34" Picturesque and different is this attention-compelling novelty. Admired because it radiates a rich golden brown. Falls broad, stiffly horizontal. Seed parent of Bryce Canyon, Good News and Chamois; pollen parent of Melodist, Your Worship, Pretty Quadroon and Voodoo. Unsurpassed for hybridizing! HM'44; AM'46 - [Aztec Copper x Y Seedling].....\$1.50

**PRETTY QUADROON** (Kleinsorge '48) ★■ ML-40" One of the very latest advances in the wonderful new brown tones. A revelation in lovely color harmonies, and superb beautifully ruffled form. A light coppery brown, smooth and appealing, with a glistening metallic luster and an undertone of amethyst and gold. A real sensation at one of the recent meetings of the A.I.S. and a variety I predict will be top-flight for years to come. Be among the first to grow it. HM'48; AM'50 - [Mexico x Tobacco Road].....\$5.00; 3 for \$11.25

## VARYING HUES OF ORANGE

Unheard of in Earlier Days

Midseason

**BENTON LYSANDER** (Morris '52) Ⓝ 42" The latest addition to this exciting new color group. A self in a stunning new color—a bright orange-russet. Flowers of fine form and size on very well-branched stems. A very attractive Iris that is most decorative in the garden. Imported from England. ....\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50

**ROYAL SOVEREIGN** (Stevens '51) Ⓝ ML-38" An Iris so exceptional and of such quality that visitors seem to be drawn to it magnetically. A lustrous light golden orange reminding one of the California poppy. Sensationally smooth and clean—a true self without a single vein or variation of color. Falls very velvety like a rich plush. Standards rigidly held, of taffeta-like texture. Destined to become very popular. HM'53 - [Golden Majesty x (Naranja x Redmayne)].....\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95

**SUNSET FLAME** (Austin '53, Milestone Series) LM-30" A gorgeous blending of rich sunset colors between those of its parents, Orange Flame and Sunset Serenade. Standards rich bronzy orange; falls deep orange flushed red, with intricate yellow veining at haft. A large ruffled flower. Attracted the attention of many visitors. Low branched. A good seed setter with abundant pollen. ....\$2.00

**GOLD SOVEREIGN** (Whiting) ★■ LM-30" A wonderful orange Iris! Color is much richer and deeper than in Orangeman, or Ola Kala. Color is pure and more uniform than in Rocket. An intensely deep yellowish-orange that will stand out across your garden like a beacon light. Even the beard is bright orange, large, prominent. Garden visitors and flower photographers are drawn to it by the attraction of the unusual. Sets seed; profuse quantities of pollen, so holds inviting possibilities to hybridizers. HM'50; AM'53 - [Ola Kala x Rocket] In full color, opposite page. ....\$2.00

## YELLOWs, BRIGHT and DEEP

Try These with the Wonderful New True Blues

Early

**SARAH LESTER** (Rees '51) Ⓝ EM-42" Just what you need to start off your Iris parade of colors. Earliest to bloom of the wonderful, large new yellows. A huge flaring flower. Will make a show-piece in your garden or on the exhibition bench. Blossoms about 6 inches in height and just as wide. Contains blood for whites, greens, blends, pinks and yellows. [Easter Sunrise x Prairie Sunset].....\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95

**GOLDEN RUFFLES** (Taylor '46) EM-38" Has won numerous regional awards, including gold cup for finest specimen in Hollywood Show 1946; 1948 Sweepstakes Winner at Salt Lake City. A wonderful clear yellow, wide, smooth, with delightful ruffling giving it appeal such as few Iris possess. AM'49; RU Dykes '50 - [Margaret Bond x Vivacious].....\$1.50

26 When you order COLLECTIONS, it will help us to fill your order correctly if you list all of the varieties you want, with only one variety to a line. Thank you.



## Midseason

**COURT HERALD** (Stevens '52) M-38" A vibrant new yellow from New Zealand in deep rich burnished gold. So classically perfect is its form, one almost has to touch it to see if it is real. Nature's mysterious artisans have given it the **spiritual beauty reserved only for flowers**. The symmetry of its form is matched by the perfection of branching, developing a lovely effect. A radiantly beautiful Iris. [(Golden Majesty x (Golden Hind x Firelight)) x (Golden Majesty x (Naranja x Redmayne))]. ..... **\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**

**RUTH** (Innes '50) ★■ M-38" It is a pleasure to present Ruth to my customers. This is the variety which **has impressed me most favorably among all the new ruffled yellows**. It immediately attracts everyone's attention as it is the **most ruffly and crinkly yellow** that anyone has ever seen. It surpasses its pollen parent Gold Ruffles in this respect. A beautiful bright yellow that is bound to create interest in your garden. HM'51; AM'53 — [Ola Kala x Gold Ruffles]. ..... **\$2.50; 3 for \$5.50**

## Late

**SOLID GOLD** (Kleinsorge '51) ★■ ML-36" For years we thought of Ola Kala and Berkeley Gold as the finest deep yellows available—but now comes SOLID GOLD to completely overshadow all previous contenders for the top position in this important color class. It is **huge** in size and the **deepest, most intense yellow imaginable**. The form is ideal, with very wide hafts. The intense color is remarkably fade-proof and lasting, even in the bright sun. I can recommend this without hesitation as being the **finest yellow available today**. AM'53 — [#338 x Ola Kala]. ..... **\$10.00; 3 for \$19.95**

**GOLD CASTLE** (Austin '53, Milestone Series) L-44" A splendid large extra-tall Iris admirably combining the good points of its parents. Standards **intense bright yellow** very close to the deep color of seed parent, Berkeley Gold. Falls **very deep yellow, almost orange**. Form of flower very close to that of its famous pollen parent, Casa Morena. Stems nicely branched. Cross No. 915 mentioned on page 30 of my Manual. Plenty of pollen for hybridizing. An intriguing new flower. Will add a great deal of life to any garden. .... **\$2.25; 3 for \$5.95**

**ADMIRATION** (Smith '46) VL-38" The **best of all yellows for extending your Iris bloom well into the late spring**. Often blooms after nearly all other yellows have passed on. A tall, smooth, medium yellow with ruffled standards, wide semi-flaring falls of heavy substance. HM'47. .... **\$2.00; 3 for \$3.95**

## THE NEW GREENISH TONES

Novel Chartreuse and Greenish White Colorings  
For Bewitching and Utterly Different Flower Arrangements

## Early

**GATESII**—A real Onco with the greenish tones; in full color on page 4. .... **\$4.95**

**BENTON OLIVE**—An interesting new Iris in greenish-buff. Page 40. .... **\$5.00**

**LADY MOHR**—The Oncobred with chartreuse falls. Page 11. .... **\$1.00**

**GREEN MOHR**—The greenest of the Mohrs. Page 11. .... **\$4.00**

## Midseason

**LIMELIGHT** (Hall '52) ★■ M-35" Here is an absolute "must" for the many who are collecting or hybridizing the recent approaches to green. An **extra large** ruffled and very **frilly** flower, like a **greenish canary yellow Chantilly**. The **picotted edging** and beautiful coloring attract all who see it. Novel, tantalizing, and quite irresistible. HM'52; AM'54 — [Sunray x Hall pink sdg. 46-42]. .... **\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55**

**DOUBLE EAGLE**—Coppery chartreuse and double! See Oddities, page 9. .... **\$15.00**

**VEILED IN MYSTERY**—As intriguing as its name. Page 40. .... **\$7.50**

**WHITE ADMIRAL** (Morris '50) ★■ 36" A remarkable English creation not listed elsewhere in America as far as I am aware. Described by one writer as the **"greenest white I have ever seen."** A superb new white of **great size** and splendid substance, with strong, well-domed standards, large, widely flaring falls. A pale green glow within the throat intensifies the ice-blue white of the remainder of the flower. Beard pale amethyst, tipped yellow. Outstanding, both for the fancier and the breeder. Pollen plentiful. .... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**CHAR-MAIZE** (Lyon '49) ★ M-44" Breaking sharply from accustomed tones of yellow into a new **sea-foam chartreuse** blended with **deep yellow**, this very new Iris will **delight flower arrangers** seeking something different and with real appeal. A large flower with extra heavy substance that withstands heat and wind. A seedling of Snow Flurry which contributes a pleasing ruffling to the form. Is making a name for itself, both among fanciers and breeders. Be among the first to have it! RU Dykes '53 — [Snow Flurry x Aztec Copper]. .... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**MINT JULEP** (Recknor '53) Ⓝ M-36" A new Iris having a chartreuse coloring very similar to that of Char-Maize. A large full flower that is a true self and is devoid of any other coloring. Introduced by Tell as a **breeding Iris for those interested in this elusive green coloration**. Well branched. HC'52. .... **\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25**

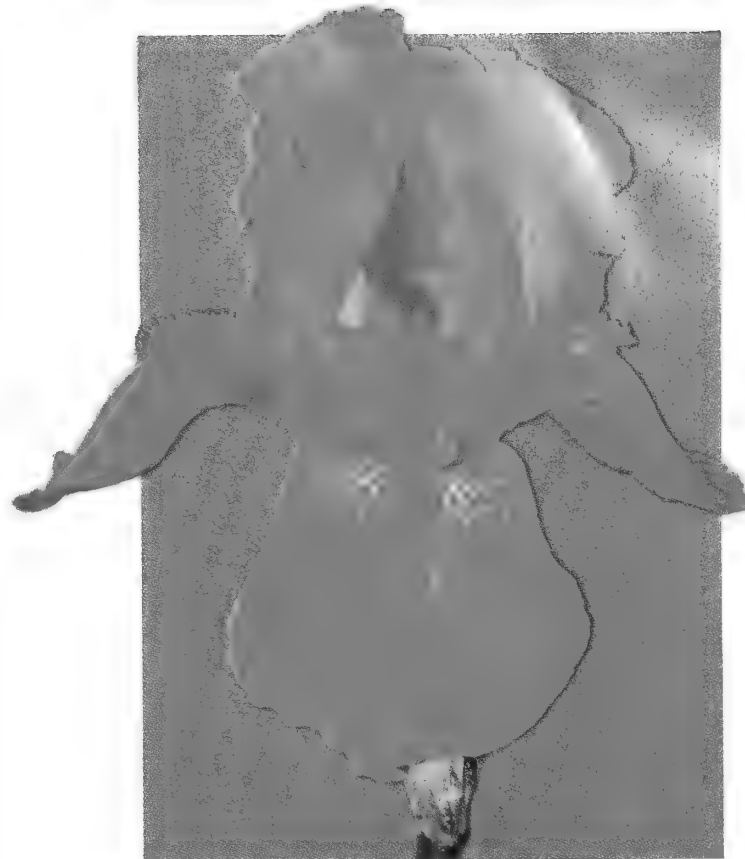
**GREEN WHISPER** (Button '49) M-38" A new approach to green, a remarkable achievement for this teen-ager (Joyce N. Button) who started hybridizing at the age of six. A lovely **kid-skin white with greenish undertones**, particularly noticeable in light shadows. Should be very useful to arrangers and to breeders working for greens or whites. [Matterhorn x Jake]. .... **\$3.00**

**OKLAHOMA** M-41" Of large size with a bewitching new color, blending pale sea-foam green, primrose yellow and light buff. Brilliantly highlighted with a large central blue blaze on each fall. I think you'll like this. Exquisitely fragrant. .... **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75**

## Late

**YELLOW ORGANDY** (Rees '52) Ⓝ L-42" Crisp as starched organdy, this pale yellow, **green-tinged** blossom is so **heavily ruffled** that it appears almost shirred below its haft. Large 6-inch flowers on four-branched stalks holding 12 buds. A second generation descendant of Snow Flurry. [Snow Flurry x Happy Days] x Ming Yellow]. .... **\$6.00; 3 for \$13.50**

**TRANQUILITY** (Fay '50) Ⓝ■ ML-38" A Snow Flurry descendant that is a larger and finer flower than its famous parent. The green is not so very pronounced and some who have described it have not mentioned green. Don Waters reporting from Ohio says "A flaring white Iris with green shadows throughout. Very good."; also Leslie Cave in England writes "Well named, being a blue-white with a greenish tinge. Most cool and refreshing." Since Snow Flurry may well be today's number one parent, it is anticipated that **Tranquility will prove exceedingly useful to breeders, particularly those working toward greens**. AM'53 — [Snow Flurry x Katherine Fay]. .... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**



GOLD SOVEREIGN—See page 26—\$2.00

**GREEN PASTURES** (Heller '47) ★■ EML-48" Here is one of the **closest approaches to green** yet available in Bearded Iris. A delightful chartreuse yellow in soft pastel tints. A touch of blue at tip of yellowish olive beard is most effective and accentuates the cool green tones of the bloom. **Huge, tall, free flowering**. Starts early, often still in good condition when late varieties come out. Reported perfectly hardy in Iowa but some growers in cold climates like to protect rhizomes over winter with a good mulch. Introduced at \$30.00. Extremely popular, **out-selling all other approaches to green**; in fact it outsold all other varieties in my entire catalog. I sent out over 1,000 rhizomes, yet over 100 people were disappointed as they got their order in too late to get Green Pastures. A word to the wise is sufficient—order TODAY. Pollen is abundant, highly fertile; an excellent seed setter. Now is the time to get a start so you can begin crossing it with various others having greenish tones. You may well come up with a world beater. HC'45; HM'47 — [Old Ironsides x Oregon Sunshine]. .... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

GREEN PASTURES—Gigantic—Now only \$1.50



# **YELLOW, SOFT and LIGHT** Surprisingly Variable in Coloring

Early

**LEADING LADY** (Lyell '50) ★ EM-38" This scintillating lady easily leads the parade of new ice or lemon yellow Iris. In no other variety are the white and lemon tones so sharply contrasted. It is a case of love at first sight and to see it is to want it. Like an improved ruffled Golden Fleece, so you know what is in store for you. There is no lack of substance in this glittering white and gold Iris with wide flaring falls. **HM'50; AM'54** — [(Matula x Midwest Gem) x Yellow Sdlg.].....**\$2.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**SONG OF SONGS** (Crosby '50) E to L-38" Hybridizers everywhere are endeavoring to add the delightful Chantilly lacing to flowers. Song of Songs is an outstanding example of a successful combination along this line. Mrs. Crosby has given us an enchantingly beautiful Iris with a personality all its own. Standards light yellow. Falls iridescent white edged like standards. All petals edged with a frilly lacing. Will add a sense of airy grace to any garden. **HC'49** — [Gold Ruffles x Cream Gold].....**\$1.50**

**SPRING SUNSHINE** ■ EM-48" Largest yellow Iris to date. A plant of this in your garden will be the sensation of your entire neighborhood. A pleasing lemon-cream. Edges of petals prettily serrated. Yields fertile pollen. Hybridizers should find it unexcelled for adding size in all color classes. **Foliage nearly evergreen. HM'47** — [White Spire x Y Sdlg. #2384-5] .....**\$1.25**

Midseason

**SUNRAY** (Hall '50) ★■ M-34" A unique, lovely very new ruffled yellow having a tangerine-bearded pink (Floradora) as pollen parent. **These pinks give a surprising sheen and brilliance, rarely found in yellows, to their offspring.** A well-grown stalk of Sunray is well nigh the perfect Iris. A light yellow of ideal form, extra heavy substance. Breeders will find Sunray a useful parent for both yellows and large, ruffled pinks with better-than-usual substance. **HM'51** — [(Invictus x Spring Chimes) x Floradora] **\$2; 3 for \$5.50**

**TRULY YOURS** — Breath-taking 1953 Dykes Winner. See Novelties, page 40...**\$10.00**  
**LINDORA** — Novelty in deep orange-yellow and white. Page 40.....**\$3.50**

Late

**SILVER SUNLIGHT** (Douglas '49) ★ VL-36" A great addition to the late blooming class of Iris; will extend your season materially. A fascinating and unusual combination of colors. Large domed standards are clear golden yellow on the outside, white on the inside, while the flaring falls are white on the upper surface, yellow underneath. Charming as a cut flower as well as in the garden. [Raejean x Northman].....**\$4.00; 3 for \$8.95**

**THE KNOCKOUT** (Muhlestein '51) ML-36" A stunning Iris that is indeed a knockout. Rich yellow standards, falls lighter brushed heavy yellow on the hafts adjoining a deep orange beard. A clean and delightful combination of colors. Flowers large and full in all parts. Useful for breeding lovely yellows, pink and blends. [Remembrance x (Ming Yellow x Prairie Sunset)].....**\$3.50; 3 for \$6.95**

**TRIFLARE** (Austin '54, Milestone Series) M to LM-40" This seedling has attracted much attention among visitors, as the three falls flare out so stiffly—almost horizontally—that the flower resembles a triangle in top view; hence the name. Particularly impressive as the stalks are tall and there are often three or four flowers blooming at once at different heights along the stem. Standards creamy yellow; falls white brilliantly lighted with yellow at the hafts. Pollen plentiful. [Prince of Orange x Self].....**\$2.00; 3 for \$3.95**

**SIERRA PRIMROSE** (Essig '46) M-LM-40" A lovely Iris for the connoisseur who revels in soft pastel tints—a beautiful primrose yellow, almost cream. Among the largest Iris, yet flowers are produced in profusion on tall, low-branched stalks. Wild plum fragrance. Its long blooming period adds much to its garden value.....**\$1.50**

## **CREAM and IVORY TONES**

Needed in Every Garden for Softening and Harmonizing the Brighter Colors

Early

**RUFFLED ORGANDY** (Brenan '53) ★■ E-L-42" An Iris that almost defies description yet that has wondrous appeal. Highly ruffled in ivory cream with a lavender-pearl undertone. Falls broad, ruffled, etched with a light gold border. Unbelievably fine branching with up to 17 buds. Starts to bloom with the first of the Tall Bearded and continues on through to the end of the season. Visions of its lovely seedlings in many colors come to the mind's eye. With such blood it cannot miss as a good breeder. Fertile both ways. **HC'52; HM'53** — [Gilt Edge x (Snow Flurry x Nylon)]...**\$10.00; 3 for \$22.50**

**TANGERINE CREAM** — Imagine a cream with tangerine beard! Page 40....**\$2.50**

Midseason

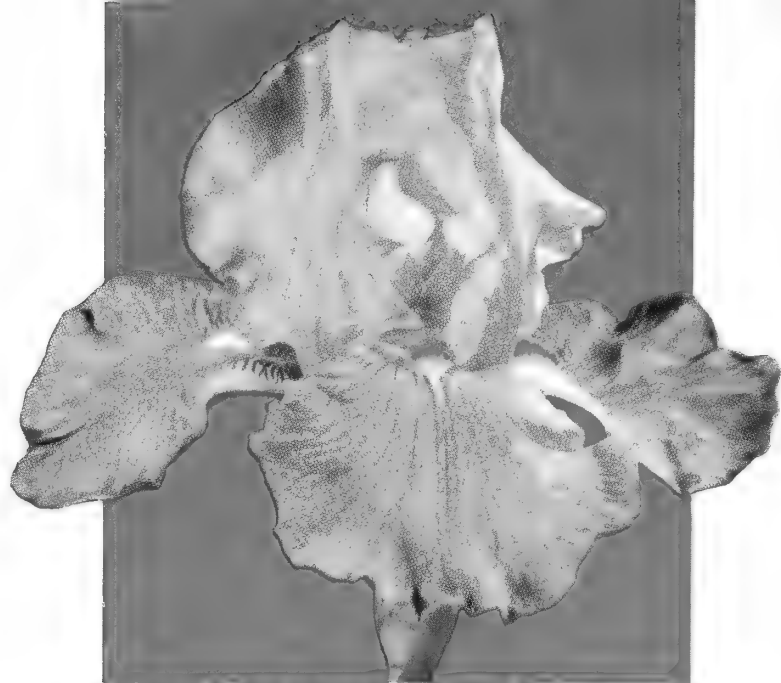
**RUFFLED BOUQUET** (Rees '47) M-42" Radiant and glorious is this highly ruffled Iris. A beautiful Snow Flurry seedling from the creator of the ever-popular Snow Flurry itself. With many varieties the ruffling seems rather incidental, but here it is a definite feature. **Perfect flaring form with very heavy substance, much better than in Snow Flurry.** The color, too, gives exceptional appeal. Standards luscious creamy-yellow; falls white, brushed and edged to match standards. Crosses readily with Flamingo Pinks, such as Cherie, Fantasy and Pink Formal. **Superb for adding firm ruffling to all colors.** **HM'52** — [Snow Flurry x Sunburst].....**\$3.00**

**BEHAVIOR IN MASSACHUSETTS:** "Seen at Mrs. Lowry's garden as one of the loveliest ruffled Iris seen this year. Has rich cream-yellow standards, heavily ruffled, with falls a light yellow edged with a deeper yellow, and flaring." Aug. '52 Bul. New England Iris Society.

**BEHAVIOR IN CANADA:** "Ruffled Bouquet is very appealing because of its form, which held even in strong wind."—Lloyd Zurbrigg, Stratford, Ontario.

Late

**STAR SHINE** (Wills '49) ★ ML-36" An Iris to tempt all who are looking for a really different and distinctive Iris. An entrancing deep cream, white and pearly blue, the colors so skillfully blended that it has the iridescent gleam of lustrous pearls. Has been the center of attraction wherever exhibited. The broad domed standards are deep buff cream; the white flaring falls have a suggestion of blue in the center and an edging to match the standards. Flowers so firmly substantiated that they stand up when other Iris succumb to the elements. Blooms over a long season. Many who can afford only one or two fine Iris at a time, would do well to include this on their list. **RU Dykes '53; Romney Towndrow Trophy for the Iris of best form, '53** — [(Hermitage x Hernani) x Song of Gold].....**\$4.00; 3 for \$7.95**



**BLUE VALLEY—Enrancing—Page 29—\$1.00**

**AMANDINE** (Douglas '46) ML-34" So very near the top of all Irisdom that it was Runner-up for Dykes Medal '50, '51 and '52. A clear lightly ruffled creamy yellow. An abundance of these gracefully poised flowers gives an unbeatable garden effect. Once you have seen it, you, too, will consider it indispensable. Fragrant. Plenty of pollen for crossing. **Pres. Cup '48** — [White Prince x Caroline Burr].....**\$1.50**

## **THE DECORATIVE YELLOW PLICATAS**

Prettily Brushed and Stippled — See the Vivid Red Plicatas for New Brilliance

Midseason

**DANCING TIGER** (Schreiner '53) ★ M-38" Really striking, entirely new! Very large jewel-bright plicata with a ground color that is really yellow. There is a stunning lightly-cut half inch border of penny brown with fine slender lines on the edge of the falls. A big improvement in the yellow plicatas. Truly a flight of fancy.....**\$8.00**

**RODEO** (DeForest '47) M-36" An enormous Iris, often close to six inches, "as conspicuous as a 'ten-gallon hat.'" The first yellow-ground plicata in a really bold, impressive pattern that makes the flower stand out as does Minnie Colquitt among white plicatas. Resembles its seed parent, the famous Tiffanja, but is much larger and brighter. Standards clear gold, falls white, edged gold, stitched in buckskin brown. Pollen plentiful. **HM'49** — [Tiffanja x Casa Morena].....**\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

## **YELLOW BITONES and BICOLORS**

Yellow Falls and Different Standards

Midseason

## **3 FAMOUS YELLOW AMOENAS**

**MYSTIC MELODY** (Stevens '51) ★ M-36" A sister seedling of Summit and while less contrasting, it is no less glamorous. Actually there is a haunting loveliness about the butter yellow of the enameled sun-drenched falls and the luminous shimmering cream of the silken moonlit standards that weaves a spell over the beholder and leaves him rapt. A substantial improvement over its pioneering predecessor Pinnacle. Elegant and lovely. **HM'52** — [Fair Elaine x (Lagos x Gudrun x Sdlg.)].....**\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

**SUMMIT** (Stevens '51) ★■ EM-40" Many pick Summit as their first choice among the three somewhat similar yellow amoenas as it has by far the strongest contrast between standards and falls. Standards pure snow white, falls deep golden yellow, much more intense than in Pinnacle. An Iris that is of epochal importance to breeders and I expect it to prove to be a hybridizer's paradise. [Sister to Mystic Melody].....**\$5.00; 3 for \$13.75**

**PINNACLE** (Stevens '49) ■ M-38" While many prefer the two newer Stevens' Iris listed just above, Pinnacle is still widely sought for its pleasing and unusual coloring. When introduced in 1949 it was considered one of the notable color breaks of our generation, having an entirely new and decorative color pattern—standards in clear, sparkling white effectively contrasting with falls of smooth even primrose yellow, almost wax-like, beautifully molded. So fresh and clear they remind one of daffodils dancing in the breeze. Sometimes re-blooms in the fall. **HM'49; AM'51** — [Magnolia x (Gudrun x (Lady Morvyth x Rangataria))].....**\$2.50; 3 for \$5.50**

## **THE EXQUISITE PALE BLUES**

A Little More Blue Than White

Early

**SO SWEET** (LaFrenz '54) ★ EM-40" A Snow Flurry descendant that stands out as it is probably the most fragrant Iris in our entire garden. When exhibited at an Iris show its fragrance causes more people to stop by So Sweet than any other Iris. A lovely pale porcelain blue-white with large rounded flowers, well branched. [Snow Flurry x Chivalry].....**\$7.50; 3 for \$16.85**

**HELEN MCGREGOR** (Graves '46) EM-34" No other Iris ever rose so high in so short a time. A large flower with wide hafts, very much ruffled. Color clear light blue. Has remarkable weather-resisting substance. No pollen but a splendid seed setter. With worthy pollen its children average very high in quality. **Dyke's Medal '49** — [Purissima x Cloud Castle].....**\$1.50**



## IRIS IN SKY-BLUE TONES

Real Blues, but Light as the Sky Itself

### Midseason

**LADDIE** (Miess '51) M-34" A pleasing damson blue, distinctively infused with cocoa brown at the haft. The blue has an unusual overlay of silver, and under certain lights seems to be more silver than blue. Standards domed and falls flaring; both slightly ruffled. Imagine as many as nine or more of these intriguing flowers on a single stalk. Fragrant. HM'51 - [Missouri x Great Lakes].....\$4.00; 3 for \$7.95

**JANE PHILLIPS** (Graves '50) ★ M-38" A new very clear light blue, deeper in color than Helen McGregor of which it is a seedling. Resembles its famous parent in form and size but carries more color. Many of the experts believe this as near true blue as is available today. It has been tested in many parts of this country and in England and has met with high favor everywhere. Proving to be a good parent. HM'50; AM'52 - [Helen McGregor x (Pale Moonlight x Great Lakes)].....\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95

### Late

**BLUE PARAKEET** (Waters '50) ★ M-L-42" Blue Parakeet is a charming chicory blue that is very different from all other blues. The broad hafts have a very decided greenish gold area extending nearly an inch down the fall. This feature not only produces a stunning flower, but also places Blue Parakeet among the various approaches to green now sought by every hybridizer. Even the standards have a flush of greenish gold at the base. A free flowering vigorous grower bearing delightfully perfumed flowers. HM'53 - [Bandmaster x Azure Skies].....\$4.00

**CAHOKIA** (Faught '48) ★ ML-42" An exquisitely formed light butterfly blue delicately veined in deeper blue and with a distinct greenish midrib. If it proves possible to breed a turquoise Iris, it may well come from Cahokia. It is known to be a superb parent for blues and whites and possibly turquoise colorings may appear among its offspring. RU Dykes '53.....\$3.00; 3 for \$6.75

## THE BRIGHT AND DEEP BLUES

Try These for Purity and Depth of Color

### Midseason

**ZEBRA** (Pallida variegata) M-30" A novelty needed in every garden. The only Iris with leaves striped in creamy yellow and green in a pattern much like that of a zebra. Has striking ornamental value from March to November. Also, just the thing for individualistic flower arrangements and corsages. Flowers light blue. Best used as edgings or clumps to attract attention, so I give you special group prices. See Ektachrome....2 for \$1.85; 5 for \$3.95

**KEZAR LAKE** (Knowlton '51) ★ M-38" A much-sought clear medium blue resembling the well known Great Lakes and the wonderful Blue Valley but a smooth self without the veining. The wide standards are domed and firmly held by strong midribs; while the falls are broad and flaring with slight fluting at the edges. Petals have almost an enamel finish. Superb and will surely prove to be a good parent for blues and whites. HC'48; HM'51 - [Great Lakes x Easter Morn].....\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95

**SKY PILOT** (Benbow '52) EM-48" A vivid bright light blue with very shapely flowers having rather conical standards and semi-flaring falls. Very beautiful. Usually carries 5 or 6 large flowers fully open at a time forming an inflorescence about 30 inches long. A new one that I have just imported from England from Reverend Benbow, who also created Saffron Charm. [Blue Morn x Great Lakes].....\$3.50; 3 for \$6.95

**PIERRE MENARD** (Faught '48) ■ M-38" Probably the largest blue Iris in existence today. Flowers have been measured with a spread of 8" and a height of 6". A deep medium blue self with a wonderful enamel finish. A lovely wave to the petals. H. Randall, recent president, British Iris Society, says this has as pure a color as any he has seen. A clump is breathtaking. Highly promising as a parent. RU Dykes '53.....\$2.50

**DANUBE WAVE** (Schreiner '47) M-38" A deeply colored rich marine blue that color enthusiasts prize as it adds a more intense shade and a new color note to the garden. This flower at once impresses one as being remarkably blue, and has a lovely waved style of its own. Tall, well-branched stems and beautifully poised flowers. Will be in demand for many years to come. HM'48; AM'51 - [Anitra x Narain].....\$1.50

### Late

**WINDSOR** (Tompkins '50) Ⓝ ML-40" Chet Tompkins describes this as a large, beautifully formed flower of deep, bright blue that he thinks has no equal for sheer brilliance and trueness of color. The flowers are heavily substantanced, free of veinings and well spaced on tall, excellently branched stalks. A bloom on exhibit at the Nashville 1948 meeting brought over fifty cards and letters of inquiry; so it must have that intangible "something" that Iris fanciers want. HM'50 - [Brunhilde x Great Lakes].....\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55

**ILLUSTRIOUS** (Hall '53) ★ L-36" At last a wonderful late blue that will brighten up your garden when many of the early and midseason blues have gone on. Blooms with such late varieties as Extravaganza and Garden Glory. An extra large, smoothly finished deep blue, almost indigo. A clump is a wonderful sight. [Chivalry x Bandmaster]. \$5.00; 3 for \$9.95

**BLUE RHYTHM** ■ ML-38" World's Most Honored Iris; Dykes Medal '50; President's Cup '50; top variety in '51 Symposium. No other Iris has ever won all three of these honors before. So this has, indeed, climbed to the very top of the pinnacle of fame. Only through outstanding behavior in every section of the country could an Iris receive enough votes to achieve such acclaim. And this means, simply, that it is the Iris for you, wherever you are. A wonderful silvery cornflower blue. Abundantly generous in its branching—in fact, it is the best-branched blue that I list, and hence an ideal subject for ambitious hybridizers. Has pollen and sets seed. A vigorous grower and rapid increaser, which means loads of these delectable blooms in a hurry. Better get your order in now. [Annabel x Blue Zenith].....\$1.00

**BLUE VALLEY** ★ M to L-38" Award of Merit '49. The blue everyone is talking about as the nearest approach to true, bright spectrum blue of any Iris ever created. N. Leslie Cave states: "Blue Valley was entrancing. Nothing in Mr. Randall's garden could approach it for blueness." Beautifully ruffled, large in size, and possessing a vivacious sparkle that gives unusual character. Falls of exceptional substance, flaring out almost horizontally. A single rhizome has been known to produce as many as 7 flower stalks. One of the most coveted of all Iris. Enticingly fragrant. Introduced in '47 at \$25.00; now price down where everyone can have the thrill of growing this famous variety. Bloomed for me in mid-June, again in mid-July, in addition to regular May bloom. [Lake George x Great Lakes]. See Ektachrome page 28.....\$1.00



ZEBRA—Needed in every garden—2 for \$1.85

**CAROL HARKER** (Naylor '51) ML-36" A pleasing, original medium blue Iris, distinctive in two respects. First, it has a jaunty flare that gives the flower personality. Second, there is a unique infusion of gold in the throat, creating a novel color effect rarely seen in blue Iris. [Azure Skies x W. Seedling].....\$3.50; 3 for \$6.95

## THE NEAR BLACKS

Very Black, but for Even Blacker Iris, See the Oncos, Pages 4-5

### Midseason

**BLACK CASTLE** (Schreiner '53) ★ M-32" During recent years there have been quite a number of entries into the race for the blackest Tall Bearded Iris. In my opinion Black Castle is the nearest approach to a jet black bearded Iris yet released by the hybridizers. Wonderful large flowers of splendid form. The deep orange beard is indescribably rich and is like a sparkling jewel on a black evening gown. An Iris that will give bold contrast to almost any variety you may have in your garden. Undoubtedly the best black available today. [Sister of Black Forest x Down East].....\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50

**BLACK HILLS** (Fay '51) ★ M-38" A much-heralded new black. In the past most of the good blacks, such as Black Forest, have had rather short stems, but Black Hills, which is a shade blacker than Black Forest, produces splendid 38" stalks. A full petaled and nicely proportioned flower with a smooth blue-black color but no haft markings. Wonderful velvety black falls. A great achievement for Mr. Fay. HM'51; AM'54 - [Black Valor x Gulf Stream] x Black Forest].....\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95

### Late

**BLACK MICHAEL** (Morris '49) LM-42" Most good blacks are short, but this is very tall, about twice the height of Black Forest. A black of noble proportions from England, of tremendous weather-resisting substance. Standards domed, rich very dark blue-violet; falls very flaring, of deepest velvety violet black. Well branched. Silver Medal Eng. Iris Soc. '48 - [Persephone x Blue Ensign].....\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95

**EBONY ECHO** (Tompkins '48) ★ ML-38" A real top-notch with extra heavy substance and very broad, delightfully ruffled petals. Standards full and domed. Falls flare horizontally. Buds are so dark that with their sleek finish they appear like great blobs of shiny black wax. On opening, flower is a very deep, glowing black red. A true self, free of haft markings and with a dark beard. Stalks tall and strong with excellent branching and placement. Worthy of a place among the finest Iris of today. A wonderful breeder's Iris already having yielded Great Day and Privateer. HM'49; AM'53 - [Cape Bon x Casa Morena].....\$5.00; 3 for \$11.25

**BLACK DIAMOND** (Schreiner '51) Ⓝ ML-35" A descendant of the renowned Black Forest that is fully 75% larger. A copiously formed, heavily substantanced ebony-blue-black. Domes simply glisten with a lustrous black sheen. It creates a very sumptuous effect. Truly a black diamond to radiate a beauty all its own among the varied jewel tones of the modern Iris garden. HM'52 - [(Sister of Black Forest) x Down East].....\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95

**BLACK BELLE** (Stevens '51) Ⓝ ML-32" An Iris that immediately stands out on account of its extremely velvety falls. Dark reddish-black with a brownish-black beard. Falls heavily substantanced, quite flaring. Rather low growing so best for the front of the border. Good pollen. [Sable x Royal Mission].....\$3.00; 3 for \$8.25

**NIGHT SPOT** (Muhlestein '49) ■ L-40" A tall, rich violet-black bitone that will command attention in any garden. Standards bright cotinga purple. Falls black, very velvety, flaring horizontally. Rich and free of haft markings. Yields wonderful seedlings and holds great promise as a parent for still finer blacks. [Storm King x Prince Valiant].....\$2.00



**RASPBERRY RIBBON—Bold new plicata—\$7.50**

### The VIOLET BITONES and BICOLORS

Amoenas, Neglectas and Others

#### Midseason

**TRAIL BLAZER** (Milliken '51) M-44" A fascinating and almost indescribable blend of colors. A fiery red-mulberry with a startlingly brilliant blaze of blue in the center of the falls. A touch of ruby-red flanks the cinnamon beard. Tannish tones touch the standards and border the falls in a quaint fashion. A novel and distinctive flower that will appeal to all who like brilliant color effects. .... **\$4.50; 3 for \$8.95**

**PRETTY PANSY** (Sass '49) ★ 36" Entrancing and different is this remarkable deep indigo-blue Iris with a striking white area at the haft. When a visitor sees this for the first time there is always an exclamation of surprise and delight. Plant it to attract attention. HM'50 — [Bertha Gersdorff x Moonlit Sea] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

#### Late

**CRITERION** (Douglas '51) ★■ ML-38" The finest amoena I have ever bloomed. Geddes Douglas has bred amoenas for some time and this is one of his greatest achievements. Well-domed standards practically pure white with faintest hint of lilac. Falls very rich dark velvety violet with an attractive white edging. Beard bright lemon yellow sharply contrasting with dark falls. Simply superb for the hybridizer as it has abundant pollen and sets seed heavily. Its seedlings have proved better than those from any other line of amoena breeding. Already from Criterion have come the new "Bright Hour" and "Queen's Taste." HM'52 — [Extravaganza x Wabash] ..... **\$8.00; 3 for \$15.95**

**PRETENDER** — A real color break. Novelties, page 40. .... **\$7.50**

**HELEN COLLINGWOOD** (Smith '49) ★ ML-40" In Helen Collingwood, Kenneth Smith has given us what is probably the loveliest of all neglectas. You can easily see why when you know that it comes from two such outstanding parents as Extravaganza and Louise Blake. A brilliant creation with light lavender standards and flaring bright violet-purple falls. Blooms are of heavy substance and daintily ruffled at the edges. Outstanding. HM'50; AM'52. .... **\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**BLUE DRAPES** (Tharp '53) ⊗ ML-38" A larger and finer flower in the ever-popular pattern of Amigo, which is the seed parent. Yields no pollen and is a difficult parent, so it may have an upset number of chromosomes. But if it can be induced to set seeds, it should give some splendid new blood for neglectas and amoenas. Light blue standards contrasting with deep, velvety purple falls with yellow beards. [Amigo x (Lord of June x Esplendido) x Persia]] ..... **\$4.00; 3 for \$10.95**

### THE LAVENDER BITONES and BICOLORS

Lovely Color Blendings

#### Midseason

**EL DORADO MAID** (Austin '54, Milestone Series) M-33" A very pretty Iris of quite novel form in that the falls are quite strongly convex as in some true Oncos, although this has no Onco in its ancestry. Standards smooth buff, daintily flushed and marbled lilac; falls bright amethyst with a distinct yellowish-buff border; style arms strongly arched causing the light yellow crests to project out in an interesting manner. Lots of pollen. [Miss California x self] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$3.95**

#### Late

**GOLDEN SYMPHONY** (Horton '44) VL-36" A symphony of colors, appealing to all who favor the softer tints. Standards, bright light yellow; falls, bright heliotrope blending to glistening gold at the edges and at the deep yellow haft. Large, late. HM'50 — [Plurabelle x Ramesses] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

### IRIS IN LAVENDER and ORCHID

Lovely Colorings to Remind You of Tropical Orchids

#### Midseason

**FANCYANCY** (Austin '53) ★ EM-42" The largest and finest self-colored Fancy I have ever seen. A little like Aladdin's Wish, but a flower of much more elegance and refinement. Standards silvery lilac, well-substanted, beautifully waved. Falls deep amethyst, veined in white over entire surface. Delicate brown lacework and stippling at haft. Harmonizing bronzy-gold beard. Style crests light lilac yellow. Superb branching with 8 to 12 flowers per stalk. A very distinctive flower of queenly elegance. [M-176 x 638] ..... **\$7.50; 3 for \$14.95**

**LOTTIE LEMBRICH** — Like old-fashioned lilacs, with red beard. Page 40. .... **\$7.50**

**BENTON BEATRICE** — Soft pleasing mauve, apricot-tangerine beard. Page 40. .... **\$7.50**

**PASTELLA** (Hall '53) ⊗ M-36" An extra large lavender-rose self with flamingo pink parentage. Beard tangerine orange. Of medium height and with limited branching, but so outstanding otherwise as to attract attention from all visitors. .... **\$7.50; 3 for \$20.55**

**EVENGLOW** M-36" Probably the largest lavender—so large it will astound you. I measured flowers 7½" across and 6" high. A lovely lobelia violet with a rosy cast. Flowers well tailored with unsurpassed substance. .... **\$1.25**

### WHITES With LAVENDER INFLUENCE

Deeper Colored Buds Add Much Charm to This Group

#### Midseason

**BLUE ANGEL WINGS** (McKee '49) ⊗ M-38" A large and lovely blue-white of unique character. Appears like a light blue, powdered over white. A praiseworthy flower of great charm and beauty. A vigorous grower. [Snow Flurry x (Misty Rose x Miobelle) x Snow Flurry] ..... **\$2.00; 3 for \$5.50**

**WHITE SMOKE** (Rees '50) ML-42" From the creator of Snow Flurry comes this stunning big blue-white Snow Flurry seedling that starts at midseason and continues to the last, carrying the famed ruffled loveliness of Snow Flurry to the end of the Iris season. Inclined to be even larger and has much heavier substance. Every indication points to comparable breeding possibilities, which places it just on the threshold. Be among the first to try it. [Snow Flurry x Sdlg; "Big Dipper"] ..... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.35**

### THE WHITE PLICATAS

Decorated in Lavender, Violet or Rosy-brown  
On Previous Pages: Pink, Red, Blue and Yellow Plicatas

#### Early

**RASPBERRY RIBBON** (Schreiner '51) ★ EM-34" Once seen, never to be forgotten. Most stunning of plicatas—even surpassing the sensational Minnie Colquitt, which it somewhat resembles. Raspberry Ribbon is much more of a real raspberry tone, a bright exciting color, applied generously and boldly, so it carries clear across the garden. Also, the contrast is sharper, flower is fresher, brighter and starchier. Standards almost solid raspberry coloring except for a slight flush of white. Falls dazzling white made ever so prominent by the wide edging of pure raspberry. An Iris that draws Iris lovers with a powerful magnetic force. Plant it where you will; your visitors will find it and stand in admiration. HM'51; AM'53. Life-like photo at left. .... **\$7.50**

**WOODMONT PLUME** (Mitchell-LaFrenz '54) ⊗ EM-37" A huge, heavy substantanced fancy plicata that everyone raves over. Standards gaily stippled in burgundy. The rounded falls are widely spread, heavily edged with the same color. Due to its size and the impression it makes on the public, it is considered to be a fine show flower. Already there are reports that it is proving to be a good breeder. .... **\$10.00; 3 for \$27.50**

#### Midseason

**NEW HOPE** (DeForest '50) M-36" A crisp extra large ruffled flower with a spread of 7". White standards heavily dotted with light violet blue. Falls leathery, ruffled, with pure white center and a 1" border of light violet blue. Beard harmonizing greyish lilac, tipped yellow. Copious pollen. HC'49; HM'51. .... **\$3.00; 3 for \$5.95**

**KING'S JESTER** (Stevens '48) M-38" Uniquely different, is this striking flower that is so heavily patterned it almost seems as if it had Onco blood. Picture falls of silvery white boldly penciled and lined in deep violet with rosy maroon margins. The intense coloration of the veining in contrast to the background makes this most individualistic and reminds one of the markings on a butterfly's wing. Imported from New Zealand. .... **\$1.50; 3 for \$3.95**

### WHITES With YELLOW INFLUENCE

Pure White with Throats of Gold

#### Midseason

**SURRENDER** (Tompkins '51) ⊗ ML-38" A distinctive white of novel coloring. A very large, broad-petaled and nicely tailored flower that looks as if it might well have been cut from thick white velvet. The upper part of the fall is smooth canary yellow, flowing from the throat onto the hafts and outer edges of the white falls. A strange, indefinable pink glow seems to permeate the whole flower; this is not surprising since Pink Tower was the pollen parent. Pollen plentiful. HM'53 — [Lamplit Hour x Pink Tower] ..... **\$7.00**

**HUMMING BIRD** (Knowlton '52) M-40" An unusual color combination, very appealing. Crisp fluted standards of Egyptian buff; broad flaring falls of white, lightly bordered buff. Center illuminated by a deep glow accentuated by bright orange beard. Heavily ruffled. Puts on a show few Iris can equal. HC'50; HM'52 — [Snow Flurry x Daybreak] ..... **\$5.00; 3 for \$9.95**

**SPRING ROMANCE** — Floriferous frosty cream-white, 7" blooms. Page 40. .... **\$3.50**

**GRECIAN ROBE** (Heller '48) ■ M-46" Has repeatedly won blue ribbons at Iris shows in various parts of the country. An extra large luscious creamy white, with a gold border on both standards and falls. Remarkable for its wide falls, perfect flowers, excellent branching. An excellent seed parent. [(Sungold x Chosen) x E. B. Williamson]. .... **\$1.50**

For Tall Bearded Pure White Iris See Page 15



## HYBRIDIZING IS EASY—And Lots of Fun

You'll live longer—and better—if you have an absorbing hobby that repeatedly, year after year, gives you something interesting and exciting to look forward to. I challenge anyone to suggest a hobby that will accomplish this as surely and effectively as does **Iris hybridizing**. Already thousands of my customers have tried it, and nearly all of them are **rapidly becoming enthusiastic amateur hybridizers**, almost over night.

For the most part, the same varieties are available to all of us to use as parents, and oftentimes amateurs get results never achieved by the experts. To get **YOU** started at once, I am giving in this catalog a great many **parentages** and **descendants**, together with many **hints** for hybridizers, and my symbol ■ to indicate my **recommendations** of the very best values for hybridizers. Thus this catalog contains the most extensive data ever printed on which kinds of Iris to use in your own breeding.

Since many varieties never set seed, or have no pollen, the surest way for beginners is to buy for hybridizing **varieties that are known to set seed or to have pollen**, and where practicable, varieties that have **already proven their ability to yield good seedlings** worthy of being named and introduced. I have gone to great pains to assemble these data, and present them here so that this catalog will be your constant guide in all of your fascinating hybridizing activities.

Of course, most of the hybridizing that yields outstanding seedlings is **done with the newer and finer varieties**. Oftentimes, to keep sufficiently up-to-date, one has to use in part the very newest varieties based on their **apparent worth, before there has been time to assemble information** on their potency, and before they have any named descendants to prove their genetic worth. I do a great deal of exploratory pollinating of this type, and my latest results are reported to you in enlarged form in each yearly edition of this catalog.

While one can readily start and get some helpful practice by crossing older varieties that he already has in his yard, it will soon be found that it is ever so much better to have just a few good, new, highly potent varieties to use as parents than a lot of the older ones. Of course, there are a few of the older, inexpensive varieties that are still well worth while for use in hybridizing, and I have taken pains to point out a number of these in this catalog so that those with limited budgets can still get good results in certain lines.

## HOW TO HYBRIDIZE IRIS

Thousands of my customers are now taking up this **most fascinating and rewarding of all hobbies**. To learn the vital flower parts see Ektachrome of **Melody Lane**, page 24. The 3 reddish beards have nothing to do with pollination. Above the center beard is the cream-colored **anther**, containing the pollen. Remove an anther from a flower of one variety, and rub the pollen grains onto the **top of the stigma** of the variety to be pollinated. Stigma is the curved lip just above the anther. Many helpful details in my **MANUAL**, pages 20 to 41.

## My Exclusive HYBRIDIZER'S KIT

Anyone can start the fascinating hobby of Iris Hybridizing with ease with my Exclusive **RAINBOW HYBRIDIZING KIT**. The most vital items are 2 special tweezers I had made to order for this purpose. The **Anther-collecting Tweezers** have special flat rounded points that permit collecting the anthers without injuring the delicate and vital style arms. The **Clamp-style Pollinating Tweezers** are designed to hold the anthers firmly and thus eliminate the strain of pollinating. The Kit also includes the following additional items: 5 Camel Hair Brushes; 36 Special Sliding Pollen Boxes; 100 Pollination Tags in four colors; 2 Weatherproof Pencils; 50 seed bags; 15 Printed Record Cards; 12 Simplex Permanent Labels; 1 Stylus for lettering labels; 1 copy of the leaflet "Technique for Iris Hybridization." Price postpaid **\$6.25; 2 for \$12.25**

## NATURALLY-HYBRIDIZED IRIS SEED

All seed orders accepted subject to 1955 crop and for delivery in October for regular fall sowing. See my **MANUAL** and **SUPPLEMENT** for full directions for sowing.

**WESTERN NATIVES:** Readily grown from seeds. Over 60 seeds per packet — **Rainbow Iris** (Douglasiana), PKT. **\$1.00; Innominata Many-colored, \$1.00; Innominata Yellow, 75c; Tenax, 50c.**

**SUMMER BLOOMERS:** Often bloom first year from seed. **Vesper Iris** (Dichotoma), or **Leopard Flower** (Belamconda), **\$1.00; any 3 for \$2.00.**

**SIBERIANS:** Easy and economical from seed; over 60 seeds per packet. **Red, PKT. \$1.00; Pink, 75c; Choice Mixed, \$1.00; 3 for \$2.00.**

**LOW GROWING:** Mixed Colors, **50c; 3 for \$1.00.**

**BEARDLESS:** **Pseudacorus, Hyacinthiana, or Ensata, 50c; any 3 for \$1.00.**

**REGELIA SEED:** Will give much variation; slow germinating. About 20 seeds per packet. **Choice Mixed, PKT. 75c; Hoogiana, 50c; Hoogiana Bronze Beauty, 50c; Stoloni-fera, 50c.**

"Last year I got a package of Iris seed from you and on Sept. 22 I planted 18 seeds in a little cold frame I made from a cigar box with a pane of glass on top. So far 17 seeds have germinated, in fact some of the plants are about 3" tall." Mrs. O. T. Olson, Oak Park, Ill.

"Here is an order for more Iris seed. Got wonderful results from your seed purchased two years ago." Chas. T. Kendall, Larkspur, Calif.

## PERMANENT LABELS

Immensely popular permanent **ENGRAV-A-LABELS**, in beautiful dark green on which you can make **clear, white lettering** with metal-pointed stylus supplied with the labels. **Long-lasting copper wires** are also supplied. Ideal for your new and old Iris; also for roses, perennials, shrubs, fruit trees, etc.

Priced postpaid at **\$.250 per package of 100; 3 packages for \$6.95**

"The vast possibilities of plant-breeding can hardly be estimated. They are not alone for one year, or for our own time or race, but are beneficent legacies for every man, woman and child who shall ever inhabit the earth."—LUTHER BURBANK.

## At Last! A Chemical Way to Speed Germination

## My New GERMINATION STIMULANT

Ever since Iris hybridizing rose to its present status as the No. 1 hobby of American garden enthusiasts, there has been an insistent clamor for better ways of hastening the naturally slow germination rate of Iris seeds. Many methods have been proposed and tried, but heretofore all have had serious drawbacks—either too much valuable time was involved, or the results were not as good as might be desired. While I do not, as yet, have the final answer for all types of Iris seeds, I have gotten such **good results with my chemical stimulant**, that I feel I should not wait for years of further experimentation before releasing this material for use by the thousands of enthusiastic hybridizers among my customers, who are waiting for something like this. I therefore report to you briefly on my results and offer my chemical formulation for you to try.

I took **several hundred** different lots of my hand-pollinated hybrid Iris seeds and divided each in half. One half of each lot was treated with my **Rainbow Germination Stimulant** before sowing, and the other half of each was sowed at the same time without treatment. I give you below the germination results three months after sowing, for a typical sample assortment of crosses:

Seed Parent x Pollen Parent	Seed Sowed of Each	Number Germinated	
		Treated	Untreated
Cherie x Pink Formal.....	36	30	5
Ruffled Bouquet x Cherie.....	42	24	8
Ruffled Bouquet x Fantasy.....	27	23	13
Gold Sovereign x Pinnacle.....	27	8	1
Melody Lane x Self.....	11	8	0
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>27</b>

With results like this it would seem foolish to sow seed without treating, when this **easy and inexpensive method will give you, in a short period, 2 to 8 times as many seedlings from a given batch of your precious hybrid seeds** as would be secured without treatment. The quicker you can get them to germinate the sooner they will bloom. See my **SUPPLEMENT** for detailed results to date with seed of different types of Iris.

**RAINBOW GERMINATION STIMULANT**—Exact quantity to make 1 quart of solution, with full directions for use. **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.75; 10 for \$7.95**

"I shall use your Germination Stimulant on my new crop of hybrid seeds. I was so pleased with it last year. I have over 500 seedlings that look good and I hope will bloom next spring." Mamie O. Short, Santa Barbara, Calif.

"I've found your Rainbow Germination Stimulant to be definitely helpful. I'm certain it's increased germination by at least 40 to 50 per cent." Richard E. Tucker, Rt. 4, Box 556, Port Orchard, Washington.

**PEDIGREE CHARTS**—To aid amateur hybridizers in studying the lineage of many of today's most outstanding new Iris varieties, I offer free of charge with an order for any of the following varieties, a pedigree chart of that variety showing the genealogy back for 3 to 6 generations: **Big Time, Cloudcap, Dolly Varden, Helen McGregor, Laurel Hill, Paradise Pink, Party Dress, Pink Sensation, Pinnacle, Pretender, Pretty Quadroon, Thotmes III.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

All seedlings you get from seed I send you naturally belong to you. When you get an extra fine one you may wish to name it. If it is good enough, you may want to have it introduced so people everywhere may enjoy it. **If it is really outstanding** I shall be glad to have you send me a rhizome or two, and then if it proves worthy of introduction, I will be glad to buy from you the stock and the right to introduce it. This applies, also, to seedlings you raise from your own crosses. But be sure they are good! My customers want only the best.

## ANY GREEN SEEDLINGS?

I am particularly interested at this time in new **GREENS**, and approaches to green. I shall be glad to hear from you and learn what you have along this line. If I introduce a seedling for you, you naturally will be paid for it, and you will get full credit for its origination. Your name will be given after the variety in all catalogs.

**FLASH!** The first book on Colchicine has just been printed. It is "**COLCICHINE in Agriculture, Medicine, Biology and Chemistry**" by O. J. Elgsti and Pierre Dustin, Jr. Available for \$5.00 from the Iowa State College Press, Ames, Iowa. Very complete, with a vast bibliography. Now you can start your experiments to double chromosome numbers. I suggest you begin with the **Oncos**, which are all diploids.

## My 1955 Tall Bearded

### MILESTONE SERIES—(Continued from page 3)

**FANCY BRIGHT** (Austin '55) (N) M-L-38" The brightest of my new fancies, and one that really attracts attention. Standards light reddish wine-colored. Falls bright rosy heliotrope, prettily veined in white, with a distinct border of heavily dotted maroon. Style crests cinnamon brown, contrasting beautifully with the beard of violet and yellow. Stunning!.....**\$2.50; 3 for \$5.50**

**BLACK FLARE** (Austin '55) (N) ML-34" One of the most flaring and best formed of the various approaches to black. Standards bright dark purple. Falls velvety purplish-black, flaring, with a contrasting golden-bronze beard.....**\$1.75; 3 for \$4.95**

For a collection carefully worked out to aid hybridizers in reaching their various goals, see my **CASH DISCOUNT COLLECTION**, for Hybridizers and Iris Lovers, on page 36.

# I Invite You to Join

THE EVER-EXPANDING RAINBOW GARDENS, 4000 E. 10TH AVE., DENVER, CO. 80202

Experience The Thrills of Growing Rare and Exotic Flowers  
From Distant Lands, and of Having Year-round Iris Bloom

**Get the Habit of Ordering New Iris Each Year and You Will Always Have Excitement in Store for You**

## Your Choice: FREE IRIS SEED, DWARF IRIS or EXPENSIVE NEW IRIS Without Cost

When you send in your order just let me know the name of one or more flower-loving friends to whom you have shown this catalog and who have not before seen "Rainbow Offerings." This qualifies you to receive your choice of a \$1.00 packet of Extra Choice Mixed **SIBERIAN IRIS** seeds, or a \$1.00 packet of Summer-blooming **VESPER IRIS** Seeds, or a rhizome of any one of these Dwarfs: Syra, The Great Smokies or Silver Elf. (Seeds ready about October 1.)

If one or more of the friends to whom you have shown this catalog send in a 1955 order of \$5.00 or more, be sure to let me know about this, whenever they do, because this entitles you to add to your order, without cost both packets of seed and any one of the 3 Dwarfs listed above—and each friend may add all three items to his order without cost, too.

Now if your order and your friend's 1955 order are each \$10.00 or more, that is really worth mentioning! Instead of the seeds and the dwarf, you both have your choice (as long as supply lasts) of any one of these Iris, entirely FREE (values up to \$8.00): Real Gold, Technicolor, White Admiral, Strathmore, Placer Maid, Spring Romance, Fancyancy, Benton Damozel, Laddie, Winter Flame, Love Story, Black Michael or Rhythm. Incredible though it may seem, the free Iris is in addition to the regular Gifts and Premiums, as explained on page 33.

## HARDINESS OF IRIS SUMMARIZED

### FULLY COLD HARDY IN ANY PART OF THE UNITED STATES

**BEARDED:** Tall Bearded, Oncobreds and Regeliabreds, Autumn Bloomers, Dwarfs and Borders, Intermediates and Table Iris.

**ARILS:** Regelias, Oncogelias.

**SUMMER BLOOMERS:** Vesper Iris, Leopard Flower.

**BEARDLESS:** Siberians, Spurias, Christmas Iris, Pseudacorus.

Regardless of inherent hardiness, a mulch of 2" to 4" of loose straw, wood excelsior, marsh hay or other light airy material is often helpful in cold regions the first winter, to prevent frost heaving before the plants are deeply rooted.

### REASONABLY HARDY WITH MODERATE PROTECTION

Mulching usually desirable if temperatures go below 20°F. Some varieties and species are harder than others. Many are successfully grown in East with proper care.

**BEARDED:** Winter Bloomers.

**ARILS:** Oncocyclus, Susiana and Gatesii do well in many cold areas.

**BEARDLESS:** Stylosas, Western Natives.

**CRESTED:** Tectorum and Paltec.

### TENDER, FOR MILD CLIMATES, OR UNDER GLASS IN WINTER

**CRESTED:** Japonica and Nada.

## You Need My RAINBOW IRIS MANUAL

Both Manual and Supplement offered on next page.

Since I offer such a wide variety of Iris of 20 distinct types, and having somewhat different cultural requirements, there has arisen a persistent demand for this comprehensive MANUAL adequately covering the whole subject. In spite of the diversity of types of Iris, their culture is remarkably simple and easy to understand, as I have grouped them all under three general cultural procedures, with only minor special considerations in the handling of specific types.

I have brought together for you in concentrated, verified form, a summary of my own accumulated experiences and those of many of my customers in dozens of different states. To this has been added valuable information from well over 100 books, bulletins and articles on Iris growing and hybridizing. In this way you can have practically everything you need to know, instantly available in one place without extensive searching, and without the expense of buying many different reference works. Included, for example, is various material directly from two of the most significant of all published works on Iris, namely, W. R. Dyke's "Handbook of Garden Irises" and his monumental work "The Genus Iris." The latter is valued, when obtainable, at about \$100 a copy.

The second half of this 44 page booklet covers all phases of hybridizing from planning your crosses to the techniques for pollinating, seed collection and seed sowing—for Tall Bearded Iris and also the many Unusual Iris offered in this catalog. Among the many subjects covered are these: Varieties recommended as parents in breeding for 26 specific objectives; How to synchronize blooming periods; Chromosome numbers; Mendelian inheritance; Ways to increase your sets.

## You Also Need My SUPPLEMENT to the Manual

In a field as subject to constant development as Iris culture and hybridizing, no publication can remain wholly complete and up-to-date for very long. Hence I propose to issue, from time to time, a series of SUPPLEMENTS to my MANUAL to provide you with latest information on various subjects of vital interest. The following partial outline will give a good idea of the comprehensive contents of Supplement No. 1.

**I—PLANNING YOUR IRIS GARDEN:** Utilizing all types of Iris; harmonious color groupings; charts of blooming seasons and heights.

**II—CULTURE OF ARILS:** Promising new cultural techniques.

**III—IRIS EXHIBITION:** How to stage an Iris show, exhibit Iris and win prizes.

**IV—IRIS HYBRIDIZING:** Speeding seed germination; best kinds for parents.

## IT'S EASY TO ORDER BY MAIL

It's simplicity itself to just list the varieties you want and their prices on my handy order blank. Please enclose remittance with your order. For your convenience I accept personal checks or postal or express money orders made out merely to Rainbow Gardens. Currency is O. K. on small orders. No C. O. D.'s please. I acknowledge your order when received, unless to be shipped very soon.

**ORDER EARLY.** As explained under "SHIPPING" in the different sections, most Iris are shipped all through the summer and fall, but some kinds only in the fall. They may be ordered at any time, but I strongly urge that you order very soon after this catalog reaches you, since the choicest items, that you particularly desire, may be sold out if you wait. Hundreds of people order by AIR MAIL to insure getting everything they want. I am nearly always able to fill such orders in full. When ordering after July 1 it will help to write the word "Alternates" under the list of varieties ordered, or on a separate sheet, and give a few varieties with appropriate prices that we can substitute if sold out of any you ordered.

**EARLY DELIVERY.** If you desire early delivery, send your order by AIR MAIL, within a few days of the time my catalog reaches you. Please don't wait until I have a thousand orders on hand, and then expect that your order can easily be put in ahead of the many orders that were rushed to me from all over the United States. Normally, about 2/3 of our year's orders are received in the spring, and shipped out in rotation in the order received, during July and August. Later orders are normally shipped from August to October.

**SPECIAL SHIPPING DATES.** My new low prices and generous Premiums and Gifts are based on digging and shipping orders in large batches in regular sequence, as received. A special shipping date for an individual order necessitates that it be dug and shipped separately, at a much higher cost. So if circumstances require that your Iris be sent at a special date, please add 10% to your remittance and we will handle your order individually.

**LETTERS AND NOTES** should not be put on your order, but on a separate sheet bearing your full name and address.

**Iris orders received after November 1st** will be filled at the beginning of the next shipping season, that is, in early July. No shipments of Iris are made during winter or spring months, but kits, germination stimulant, labels, etc., will be sent at any time, and seeds at any time after October 1.

## "TYPE OF IRIS" Column on Order Blank

It is a big help in filling your order if you mark the TYPE of Iris for each variety on your order, though this is not necessary if you do not have the time. The easiest way is to just use these simple abbreviations: **A** = Autumn Bloomer; **Bo** = Border; **D** = Dwarf; **I** = Intermediate; **N** = Native, Western; **Od** = Oddity; **O** = Onco; **Ob** = Oncobred; **Og** = Oncogelia; **R** = Regelia; **Rb** = Regeliabred; **Si** = Siberian; **Sp** = Spuria; **St** = Stylosa; **TB** = Tall Bearded, both main section and Novelties; **Ta** = Table; **W** = Winter Bloomer.

## NO INSPECTION DELAYS—PINTO TAGS

Due to the exceptional cleanness of our stock, and the absence of serious pests, Rainbow Gardens has been selected by the California Department of Agriculture as a Pinto Tag nursery. This means that each of our Iris shipments to California bears an official state green and pink Pinto tag, certifying that in nearly all California cities and towns the usual holding of nursery stock for inspection by the local Agricultural Commission is NOT required. Hence you get quicker delivery and fresher stock. People everywhere order with confidence from a Pinto Tag nursery.

## Ironclad 3-Point GUARANTEE

My Iris business has been built very largely on a great many repeat orders. I make every effort to please you with each and every shipment I send to you. And my 3-point guarantee gives you complete confidence that you will get good stock and receive fair treatment every time you order.

**CONDITION ON ARRIVAL**—I personally supervise the selection of the choice rhizomes with which to fill your order. Each shipment is expertly packed. So I can guarantee my stock will reach you in good condition, and you will be pleased with what I send you. If any items are damaged by improper handling enroute to you, or are otherwise unsatisfactory upon arrival, please report within 10 days, so that I can make it right with you.

**TRUENESS OF STOCK**—I go over my entire garden every blooming season to make sure that every row is 100% true to name. But, if through some error, a variety does not turn out to be what it is labeled, write me about it soon after it first blooms, preferably when you are sending in your next order. Then, I can add a free replacement to your order and send it all in one package, which is a big help to me.

**SURVIVAL**—I have such confidence in the high quality of my stock and its proven ability to grow anywhere in the United States, that, without knowing anything about your conditions, or the care that the plants will get, I guarantee each and every variety you order to grow in your garden, to the extent that I will replace, at half price, any that fail to survive. The only exceptions are the very few kinds I note as being not fully hardy, as these naturally cannot be guaranteed in cold climates. Please report within one year. If you do so when placing your next order, I will send the replacement with your order and pay the postage on the whole shipment.

## Send Living Gifts That Grow and Increase

## MY HELPFUL GIFT ORDER SERVICE

### FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MOTHER'S DAY, FATHER'S DAY, ETC.

Unlike nearly all other gifts you might send to express your sentiments, those for the garden grow and increase, becoming ever more beautiful with the passing of years. So when you are wondering what to give gardening friends, why not take advantage of my helpful GIFT ORDER SERVICE. Note simple instructions at top of order blank. Gift Iris serve for years as reminders of your thoughtfulness. Please note season when different items may be shipped, summer or fall. I furnish gift card unless you wish to supply your own.

**REFERENCES:** Dun and Bradstreet; Bank of America, Placerville, California.

**MEMBER:** American Iris Society, British Iris Society, New England Iris Society, Utah Iris Society, Sacramento Iris Society, El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce.



Please underline the approximate time when you would like to receive my 1956 catalog next spring, providing publication schedules make this possible: **Early March, Late March, Early April, Late April, Early May, Late May, Early June, Late June.**  
THANK YOU.

## MY HARDY MOUNTAIN-GROWN STOCK

I send you large, husky rhizomes freshly dug from my gardens just before shipping to you—not battered, half-dried-up plants that have been stored in bins. My nursery is in the mountains of Northern California at an elevation of nearly 3,000 feet. My stock is all grown out of doors. The nursery is often under snow; ground remains frozen for months at a time. So my stock is fully winter-conditioned, which not only hardens it for growth in any state, but puts it through a conditioning process, making the rhizomes more floriferous—practically every rhizome has a pre-formed flower bud. Most kinds of Iris are perfectly hardy—in fact, many of the varieties I grow originated in New England or Canada. If there are a few kinds you are in doubt about for your locality, you can easily grow most of them out-of-doors with adequate mulching or soil covering; or indoors in pots, window boxes, or a cold frame. My MANUAL tells how. Iris are not particular as to texture of soil and most thrive whether you have sandy soil, loam or clay.

### I Supply Rare Iris To Flower Lovers Throughout The Civilized World

I get requests for my informative catalog from all parts of the world. Last year I sent my catalog to Iris lovers in 45 different foreign countries, as follows: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canary Islands, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Guatemala, Holland, Honduras, Isle of Man, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands East Indies, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Philippine Islands, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Scotland, Siam, Union of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Spain, Sumatra, Sweden, Switzerland, Tasmania, Turkey and Wales.

#### "WORLD'S FINEST RHIZOMES of the Best Varieties in Existence"

I realize fully that the above is such a strong claim that some may at first take it with "a grain of salt." But after the flood of voluntary testimonials I receive each year, I feel that I am fully justified in using this slogan to effectively bring to your attention the really superb quality of my stock, and the very choice selection of varieties that I have assembled for you from all parts of the world. But really, words are quite inadequate in conveying such things to you. A trial order will serve much better to prove to you that you have at last found the one best place to get Iris of all types. Read the spontaneous opinions of people at great distances, and nearby, who have received Iris from me. My packing methods insure safe arrival in any part of the world.

##### FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA (Across the Equator)

"The Iris arrived in good order and nicely packed. Just about every one has made really good growth already, and it is only two months since they crossed the equator." Royce D. Spinkston, Adelaide, South Australia.

##### FROM SOUTH AFRICA (Half way around the world)

"The Iris have all arrived safely here in George, South Africa. They are such fine roots, received in excellent condition. I am delighted to have them." G. V. Scholtz, "Lingen," Heatherlands, George, South Africa.

##### FROM CANADA (Where it's cold)

"I am wholly delighted with the wonderful iris rhizomes I received from you. Who could be otherwise? I was truly surprised with the 'surprises.' You were indeed generous. Everything is taking hold nicely." Beverley MacDonald, Point Anne, Ontario, Canada.

##### FROM HOLLAND (A land of flowers)

"Just a note to inform you that the parcel with the Irises has arrived in perfect condition. Your roots are marvelous—they do not grow so large in Holland and apparently the climate of California is well suited to Irises." Th. Hoog, for whom Iris Hoogiana was named, Haarlem, Holland.

##### FROM GERMANY (I sent these Iris by Air)

"All Irises of the collection you sent in autumn 1950 have excellently flowered and were the eye-catchers of our Special Iris Show. Especially fine and of great beauty were Ruffled Bouquet, Easter Candle (elegant, and just a candle!), Easter Gold (very charming), and Sierra Primrose (very floriferous)." Prof. Dr. E. Biesalski, President German Iris Society.

##### FROM GOOD OLD U. S. A. (With its very diverse climates)

"We received the box of Iris today from you, and if we had any catalogues from other sources we quickly disposed of them after seeing those strong looking rhizomes from you. They were all we had hoped for." Ernest Brodeur, Lowell, Massachusetts.

"This is to let you know that your shipment arrived on Saturday in splendid condition, and we are truly thrilled at the superb quality of the rhizomes you sent us. I have never seen finer ones, and you certainly deserve the highest praise for the surpassingly fine quality of your roots. I was delighted to find two wonderful surprise gifts—Illusion and Santa Cruz—in addition to the premiums I had selected, Brown Turban and Copper River." Rosalie Claire Tempest, Seattle, Washington.

"Have been very much satisfied with my previous orders and all my irises have survived our 44° below zero last winter. Usually winter isn't quite so severe as the past winter, however, it's quite different from California, as I'm a native Californian and know our winters around Alameda Co., also Sacramento and Los Angeles. I know you will take care of the gift order for me as you have in the past." Mrs. C. R. Knutzen, Rochester, Minnesota.

"The rhizomes from your gardens last year were true to name and the blossoms a joy to behold." Mrs. R. V. Carter, Sr., Glendale, Arizona.

"My garden this year had much of your lovely golden and yellows and they added a sunny lightness—most attractive. Your rhizomes are always so clean and healthy and they seem not to mind our more rigorous climate." Mable Savage, Romeo, Michigan.

"The plants purchased from you last season came through in perfect condition and have multiplied 5 fold." Albert Anderson, Brooklyn, New York.

"I am pleased to say that all of your shipments arrived in excellent condition, and your packing is tops!" Roy V. Ashley, Battle Creek, Michigan.

"The iris you sent arrived in outstanding condition. Although we have iris from various gardens, these specimens give the greatest promise of forthcoming spring bloom. The roots are the soundest, longest, and most abundant of any specimens we have ever seen. Your statement of the floriferousness of mountain-grown stock needs to be underscored: 'Mountain grown—the best in the world.'" James Gulick, San Rafael, California.

### Why Not Join the American Iris Society?

Everyone who loves Iris should join the American Iris Society. You will receive helpful quarterly bulletins, with articles on culture, varieties, hybridizing, rare types and other subjects. Membership is \$4.00, which may be sent directly to American Iris Society, 3902 Hillsboro Road, Nashville 12, Tennessee.

#### Sacramento Iris Society

Californians should join and support newly-formed Sacramento Iris Society. Dues only \$1.00 a year. With everyone participating will soon become an organization of great service to all. Fifth Annual Iris Show, Sacramento, Apr. 23-24, '55. Interesting monthly bulletin IRIS LORE goes to all members to keep them informed. Send your dollar to Secretary, M. L. Stacy, 1242 14th Ave., Sacramento, California. Mention you are joining at my suggestion. Meetings usually held at 8 p.m. first Monday of each month at Garden Center, 3301 H Street, Sacramento. Visitors welcome.

#### Kodachrome Iris Slides

Many of my exclusive offerings are included in sets of excellent colored slides for rent from American Iris Society, 3902 Hillsboro Road, Nashville 12, Tennessee; or from Dr. Philip Corliss, Somerton, Arizona. Dr. Corliss offers for 10c an illustrated catalog of his slide rental programs.

#### CANADIAN ORDERS

To import Iris into Canada advise your Dept. of Agr. at Ottawa you wish to import Iris. Necessary permit will be sent you. I prepay postage to Canada, just as for U. S., but Express is only sent collect.

#### OTHER FOREIGN ORDERS

I ship Iris to such distant places as South Africa, England, Australia, etc. Note comments from a few of these customers. Orders to all foreign countries, except Canada, subject to 25% handling and postage charge. This covers such items as special packing, extra postage, office work of filling out various forms required. Minimum foreign order is \$10.00. Correspondence must be in English.



RAINBOW IRIS—Only \$4.50 for 6

### FINAL CLOSE-OUT OF WESTERN NATIVES

Last chance—Remaining stocks at close-out group prices.

SHIPPING TIME: Late summer and fall; but order NOW.

**RAINBOW IRIS** (Douglasiana) VE to M-15" As variable in coloring as the Rainbow itself. A lovely native of the California Redwood belt, with attractive broad glossy leaves. Available only in mixed colors. The more you order the greater the chance you will receive nearly all of the colors shown; hence, I make very special group prices. .... \$1.25; 3 for \$2.75; 6 for \$4.50

**AMIGUITA** VE-16" Standards ruffled pale lilac with deep royal purple veins through center. Center of falls deep royal purple carried to edges through the veinings. Perfectly charming—loved by all who see it. .... \$2.00; 3 for \$3.95

**SANTA ANA** VE-VL-9" An improved Innominate in buttercup yellow, saffron signal, decorative maroon veins. In mild climates sometimes blooms from late Feb. to late July. .... \$1.50; 3 for \$2.95

**WESTERN GOLD** (Innominate aurea) VE-E-6" Perfect for corsages, delicate flower arrangements. Color usually between light yellow and orange yellow. Occasionally other colors. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$1.95

**MANY-COLORED IRIS** (Riddle Innominate) VE-E-6"-8" Wonderfully varied assortment of colors including pink, lilac, rose, yellow, purple, salmon, violet, white and buff. Flowers attractively marked with prominent veins. Available only in mixed colors. In two years each plant produces a huge clump that usually bears 40 to 50 flowers. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$1.95; 6 for \$4.25

**TENAX** E-20" A rather tall growing native, colored yellow, variously flushed and veined russet, red-brown and deep yellow. .... \$1.00; 3 for \$1.95

**ORCHID SPRITE** VE-12" Famous orchid-pink, evergreen. Lovely! .... \$1.00; 3 for \$1.95

**ARIOSO** E-14" Blended pink, blue flush. Large and attractive. .... 75c; 3 for \$1.45

**BLUE SAGE** E-20" Sage blue with pink glow \$1.00

**HARTWEGI** VE-10" Quaint yellow-cream 3 for 95c

**MACROSIPHON** VE-8" Low rosy-violet 3 for 95c

Order 2 each of any 7 or more of the above, excluding the last 2, and pay for only one of each. This offer should really clear out the stocks! HURRY! Not less than 7 kinds on this give-away basis.



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Listed below are some of the most outstanding of all Iris varieties in their respective categories—hence they are the ones most sought by hybridizers eager to add these qualities to their new hybrids. Many are known good seed-setters or pollen parents; others are very new and urgently in need of being tried in hybridizing.

In order to give you the greatest possible freedom of selection I will allow you to varieties in any or all of the following groups, and figure your own collection price. If your selection of 5 or more from the following totals \$5.00 or more, deduct \$1.00 from your remittance for these; if your group totals \$10.00 or more, deduct \$2.50; if \$20.00 or more deduct \$6.00; if \$30.00 or more deduct \$10.00; if if deduct [ Arranged to be easy on the pocketbook! — (type of Iris abbreviations on page 32).

#### RUFFLED BREEDER'S IRIS

White Peacock—TB .....	\$12.50	White Ruffles—TB .....	\$3.00	Love Lace—TB .....	\$2.00
Ruffled Organdy—TB .....	\$10.00	Ruffled Bouquet—TB .....	\$3.00	White Smoke—TB .....	\$1.50
Party Dress—TB .....	\$ 6.00	Ruth—TB .....	\$2.50	Snow Flurry—TB .....	\$1.00

#### CHANTILLY-LACE BREEDER'S IRIS

Limelight—TB .....	\$7.50	Chantimorana—TB .....	\$2.00	Russet Wings—TB .....	\$1.00
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#### GIANT BREEDER'S IRIS

Francis Craig—Ob .....	\$10.00	Pathfinder—TB .....	\$3.50	Pink Bountiful—TB .....	\$2.50
Solid Gold—TB .....	\$10.00	Joseph's Mantle—A .....	\$3.00	Golden Russet—TB .....	\$2.00
Cloudcap—TB .....	\$ 6.00	Dawn Reflection—TB .....	\$3.00	Flurry Mohr—Ob .....	\$1.50
Ripples—Ob .....	\$ 3.50	Pierre Menard—TB .....	\$2.50	Rodeo—TB .....	\$1.50
Spring Romance—TB .....	\$ 3.50	Alline Rogers—TB .....	\$2.50	Spring Sunshine—TB .....	\$1.25

#### FLAMINGO PINK AND APRICOT BREEDER'S IRIS

Temple Bells—TB .....	\$10.00	Pink Sensation—TB .....	\$5.00	Hi-Time—TB .....	\$3.00
Strathmore—TB .....	\$ 7.50	Clasmont—TB .....	\$5.00	Color Carnival—TB .....	\$2.50
Top Flight—TB .....	\$ 7.50	Paradise Pink—TB .....	\$5.00	Edward of Windsor—TB .....	\$2.00
Cloudcap—TB .....	\$ 6.00	Pink Formal—TB .....	\$4.00	Pagan Princess—TB .....	\$2.00
Apricot Supreme—TB .....	\$ 5.00	Cherie—TB .....	\$3.50	Twilight Sky—TB .....	\$1.50

#### BREEDER'S APPROACHES TO GREEN

Cascadian—TB .....	\$7.50	Gatesii—O .....	\$4.95	Green Pastures—TB .....	\$1.50
Limelight—TB .....	\$7.50	Blue Parakeet—TB .....	\$4.00	Blarney—D .....	\$1.50
Benton Olive—TB .....	\$5.00	Sari—O .....	\$2.50	Pale Dawn—TB .....	\$1.00
White Admiral—TB .....	\$5.00	Mohresque—Ob .....	\$2.00	Oklahoma—TB .....	\$1.00
Char-Maize—TB .....	\$5.00	Green Spot—D .....	\$2.00	Lady Mohr—Ob .....	\$1.00

#### BREEDER'S IRIS WITH BROADEST HAFTS

Clementina—Ob .....	\$20.00	Ballerina—TB .....	\$5.00	Luna—Og .....	\$2.00
Francis Craig—Ob .....	\$10.00	Gatesii—O .....	\$4.95	Harlequin—TB .....	\$2.00
Real Gold—Ob .....	\$ 8.00	Madam Mohr—Ob .....	\$4.00	Laurel Hill—Ob .....	\$1.50
Cascadian—TB .....	\$ 7.50	Ulysses—Og .....	\$2.50	Theseus—Og .....	\$1.50
Gold Smoke—Ob .....	\$ 7.50	Susiana—O .....	\$2.50	Elmohr—Ob .....	\$1.00

#### FOR BREEDING FLAT-TYPE IRIS

Clementina—Ob .....	\$20.00	Blue Moon—Si .....	\$5.00	Flurry Mohr—Ob .....	\$1.50
Rhythm—Ta .....	\$ 7.50	Yellow Eagle—TB .....	\$3.50	Dorothea—I .....	75c

#### DON'T MISS MY

## Iris GIVE-AWAY Game

Yes, filling out your Iris order is like playing a game with a long streak of luck, because you are winning constantly. By ordering **any three** of the \$1.00 Iris listed at the right, AT THE REGULAR EACH PRICE, **you win your choice of any other variety in the same list.** It's exciting to get a FREE one with every "hand." After playing 2 hands, you will have on the order blank 6 ordered varieties and 2 free ones. Then the ratio changes **so that from then on**, as far as you want to go, **you get a FREE one of the same price with every 2 ordered.** Never before was ordering Iris so much fun and so rewarding!

**YOU MAY ORDER ANY OF THE \$1.00 IRIS AT THE RIGHT, or any 75c Iris on PAGE 37 UNDER THIS GIVE-AWAY GAME.** (Free Iris in each group to be the same price as those ordered in that group.)

Here's the **EASY** and **ECONOMICAL** way to get a long succession of Iris bloom, instead of the usual short Iris season. You have unlimited choice of any of the fine varieties listed below. Just select any **5 or more**, add up their prices, and deduct 20% off the total. If you select **10 or more**, the cash discount is 30%. If you select **20 or more**, the cash discount is 40%. It really pays to stock up now, and take advantage of this substantial discount!

**Earliest Spring:** DWARFS: Moongleam, 75c; Mist O'Pink, 75c; Baria, \$1.00; Blarney, \$1.50; Primus, \$1.50; Green Spot, \$2.00.

**ARILS:** Charon, \$2.50; Andromache, \$1.00; Luna, \$2.00; Korolkowi Pink, \$2.50.

**WESTERN NATIVE:** Santa Ana, \$1.50.

**Early Spring:** ARILS: Susiana, \$2.50; Artemis, \$1.50; Hermione, \$1.50; Lucia, \$2.50; Orestes, \$1.75.

**ONCOBREDS:** Ib Mac True, \$2.00; Morning Blue, \$2.00; Oyez, \$1.25.

**INTERMEDIATES:** Black Hawk, 75c; St. Osyth, \$1.00; Dorothea, 75c.

**TALL BEARDED:** Pink Formal, \$4.00; Char-Maize, \$5.00; New Snow, \$1.50.

**Mid Spring:** TALL BEARDED: Sunset Blaze, \$2.00; Twilight Sky, \$1.50; Color Carnival, \$2.50; Ola Kala, \$1.00.

**SIBERIAN:** Caesar's Brother, \$1.00; Eric the Red, \$2.50; Tunkhannock, \$1.75.

**ONCOBREDS:** New Look, \$3.50; Mohresque, \$2.00; Real Gold, \$8.00.

**ARILS:** Gatesii, \$4.95; Nigricans, \$7.95; Theseus, \$1.50; Ulysses, \$2.50; Korolkowi Brown and Green, \$2.00; Late Amethyst, \$2.00.

**Late Spring:** SPURIAS: Golden Agate, \$3.00; Russet Flame, \$1.00; Bronzspur, \$1.00.

**TALL BEARDED:** Silver Sunlight, \$4.00; Extravaganza, \$1.00; Arab Chief, 75c; Sunray, \$2.00; Black Michael, \$5.00.

**Summer:** AUTUMN IRIS: Sangreal, 75c; July Beauty, \$1.00; September Sparkler, \$2.50.

**ODDITIES:** Seeds of either Vesper Iris or Leopard Flower, packet \$1.00.

**Fall:** AUTUMN IRIS: Two for Tea, \$1.50; Lady Moon, \$2.00; Gersdorff-Sass, \$1.00; September Sparkler, \$2.50.

**Winter:** STYLOSAS: Large-flowered, \$2.50; Bridal Pink, \$5.00; Common, Clump \$1.20.

**BEARDED:** Russian Bronze, \$1.25; Tournament Queen, \$1.50; California Pink, \$2.00.

## COLORAMA OF 40 DOLLAR IRIS

**Any 10 for \$7.95**

**\$1.00 each — 3 alike for \$2.50**

**Any 20 for \$14.95—All 40 for \$28.95**

If you order 10 for \$7.95, and an equal value or more in the exotic **Aril Iris** (pages 4 to 8), you may have your choice of a **FREE** extra of any one of these: **Ola Kala, Voodoo, Orange Gem, or Pink Cameo.** With 20 for \$14.95, and Arils to the value of \$7.95 or more, you get free any 2 of the above 4.

☉ = Choicest varieties, especially recommended.

☉ **ADMIRAL NIMITZ** M-42" Large, hardy pure white; gold beard.

☉ **BLACK FOREST** M-32" Bright and gleaming violet black. Sets seed.

**BLACK RUBY** M-35" Velvety crimson-black, bronze-gold beard.

**BROWN STAIN** M-36" Rich reddish brown, wide hafts.

**BRUCE CANYON** ML-36" Runner-up for Dykes; scintillating terra cotta masterpiece.

☉ **CHIVALRY** M-36" Glorious clear bright blue. Dykes.

**CIRCUS** VL-36" Plicata, yellow with mulberry-red.

**COURTIER** M-30" Rich Flamingo pink. Great breeder.

☉ **DESERT SONG** M-40" Large beautifully ruffled cream, flaring.

☉ **DREAMCASTLE** M-38" Delectable bright orchid-pink, round and broad, very appealing.

**EASTER CANDLE** E-48" Tall, early serene white, bright gold gilding.

☉ **EXTRAVAGANZA** VL-40" Rich cream and iridescent red-violet. A striking bicolor.

**GULF STREAM** M-37" Very dark blue-black. Stunning.

**HIT PARADE** M-32" Floriferous deep Flamingo pink, ruffled.

☉ **IVORY TOWER** VE-40" Tall candelabra type, banana cream.

**LIGHTS ON** M-34" Well-formed bright nearly true red.

**LOUISE BLAKE** M-32" More vibrant Amigo, pale blue and dark velvety violet.

**LOVE AFFAIR** M-34" Choice rose pink and white plicata. Dainty and delightful.

**MINNIE COLQUITT** M-36" Popular bold plicata, white & mulberry. Attracts everyone's attention.

☉ **MIOGEM** ML-36" Fascinating rich blend, rose & fuchsia red.

**NEW HORIZON** L-40" Delightful apricot-pink, tangerine beard.

☉ **OLA KALA** M-36" Pure deep yellow. Fine parent. Dykes.

☉ **ORANGE GEM** M-34" Broad orange-yellow. Huge, hardy.

**ORANGEMAN** M-38" Striking bright orange-yellow self. Fragrant

☉ **PALE DAWN** VE-40" Bewitching lilac-white, veined in green.

☉ **PINK CAMEO** E-36" Top ranking salmon pink, tangerine beard.

**PINK CLOUD** M to L-40" Pleasing orchid-pink lightening to white.

**PINK TALCUM** ML-46" Large peach-blossom pink, red beard.

**PRAIRIE SUNSET** ML-30" Beautiful blend of apricot, amber, rose. Famous.

**PREMIER PEACH** ML-34" Rich salmon peach, tangerine beard.

☉ **RANGER** L-36" Superb crimson self, bronze beard.

**RED VELVET** M-36" Finest inexpensive red, like vivid red velvet.

☉ **ROCKET** M-36" Large, vivid orange, fine parent.

**RUSSET WINGS** M-38" Wonderful, glowing russet, lacy. Good parent.

**SALMONETTE** EM-36" Fabulous Sass tangerine-bearded salmon pink.

☉ **SALUSKIN** ML-40" Very large lovely salmon pink, red beard.

**SKY RANGER** E-54" Fragrant ruffled medium blue.

**SNOW FLURRY** EM-42" Glorious ruffled blue-white. Great-parent to date.

**THREE OAKS** M-40" Unique blend of corinthian red and rosy copper. Sets seed.

☉ **VOODOO** ML-34" A beauty, chocolate-brown & blackish crimson.



# This is where YOU strike it rich

★ — Choicest varieties, especially recommended

- ARAB CHIEF**—Brilliant copper, red, orange.  
**BERKELEY GOLD**—Intense deep yellow.  
**BLACK AND GOLD**—Yellow & blackish maroon.  
**BLUE SHIMMER**—Popular blue plicata.  
**GOLDEN FLEECE**—Lovely yellow & white.  
**★ GRAND CANYON**—Amazing, crimson & blue.  
**GREAT LAKES**—Famous Symposium blue.  
**KATHERINE FAY**—Hardy pure white. Choice.  
**MULBERRY ROSE**—Dazzling mulberry rose.  
**NIGHTFALL**—Stunning violet black.  
**PAINTED DESERT**—Lovely buff with lilac.  
**★ PATRICE**—Rosy cream, speckled brown.  
**RED VALOR**—Glowing garnet red.  
**REDWARD**—Large amaranth red; flaring.  
**ROSE BOWL**—Deep orchid pink & bronze.  
**★ SABLE**—Intense claret-black. Popular.  
**SANTA CRUZ**—Gay yellow, red veins.  
**SANTA ROSA**—Fragrant pink & rose.  
**SHARKSKIN**—Large white, with gold.  
**★ SPINDRIFT**—Tangerine-bearded pink.  
**THE RED DOUGLAS**—Crimson. Dkyes.  
**TIFFANJA**—Symposium yellow plicata.  
**★ TISHOMINGO**—Wistaria-blue, frosty flush.  
**WHITE WATERS**—Hybridizer's white, choice.  
**WM. A. SETCHELL**—Gigantic royal purple.

## 7 TYPES OF UNUSUAL BEARDED IRIS

The bargain list below is arranged so you can sample any or all of 7 different types of Bearded Iris in every rainbow color, and at very low cost.

- |                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| BLUE MASCOT—Blue, 4".         | } Autumn Bloomers |
| GLAD SONG—Yellow, 26".        |                   |
| GLOWPORT—Crimson, 26".        |                   |
| SOUND MONEY—Yellow, 4".       |                   |
| GOLDEN FLARE—Orange, 28".     | } Border Iris     |
| ROSE PEARL—Pink, 28".         |                   |
| BLUE BEARD—Marbled, 10".      |                   |
| CREAM TART—Yellow, 9".        |                   |
| DELPHA DEANE—Bitone, 11".     | } Dwarfs          |
| GOLD SPRITE—Yellow, 8".       |                   |
| MIGNONETTE—Blue-cream, 9".    |                   |
| SILVER ELF—Mulberry, 11".     |                   |
| SYRA—Bitone, 8".              |                   |
| THE GREAT SMOKIES—Violet, 9". | } Intermediates   |
| GAYNELLE—Yellow, 18".         |                   |
| GLOAMING—Red-russet, 29".     |                   |
| RED ORCHID—Crimson, 28".      |                   |
| RUBY GLOW—Red, 22".           |                   |
| SNOW MAIDEN—White, 12".       | } Oncobreds       |
| BRILLIG—Crimson, 24".         |                   |
| DUE WEST—White, 30".          |                   |
| MOHRSON, Violet, 36".         |                   |
| SUSAN OF HILLY—Amethyst, 24". |                   |
| CHEWINK—Lilac-blue, 18".      | } Table Iris      |
| TITMOUSE—Amber, 28".          |                   |
| BLUE RIVER—Blue, 36".         | } Winter Bloomers |
| REICHENBACHII—Yellow, 8".     |                   |

### Select two

- PINNACLE—TB  
 CHERRY FLIP—TB  
 ALLINE ROGERS—TB  
 PERSIAN MOHR—Ob  
 COLOR CARNIVAL—TB  
 MOHR ELEGANCE—Ob  
 SEPTEMBER SPARKLER—A  
 MENOMINEE—A  
 FORT TICONDEROGA—TB  
 FANCY FLARE—TB

### Select two

- FALL DAYS—TB  
 SUNSET BLAZE—TB  
 PHALANX—TB  
 ADMIRATION—TB  
 TRIFLARE—TB  
 IB-MAC TRUE—Ob  
 BLUE ELEGANCE—Ob  
 MORNINGBLUE—Ob  
 PRECIOUS GEM—Ta  
 BLUE ANGEL  
 WINGS—TB

### Select two

- TWILIGHT SKY—TB  
 RELENTLESS—TB  
 WHITE SMOKE—TB  
 ROSY FUTURE—TB  
 NEW SNOW—TB  
 PINK TOWER—TB  
 FLURRY MOHR—Ob  
 DEEP BUTTERCUP—Ob  
 TOURNAMENT QUEEN—W  
 TWO FOR TEA—A

## Select any 14 in either column

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|------------------|------------------|
| PINK CAMEO—TB    | GERSDORFF        |
| OLA KALA—TB      | SASS—A           |
| VOODOO—TB        | AUTUMN FLAME—A   |
| ORANGE GEM—TB    | FIOR             |
| EASTER BONNET—TB | DEL MONDO—D      |
| DESERT SONG—TB   | ST. OSYTH—I      |
| RANGER—TB        | CAPITOLA—Ob      |
| BLACK FOREST—TB  | ELMOHR—Ob        |
| PALE DAWN—TB     | MOHRLOFF—Ob      |
| CHIVALRY—TB      | BEN AHDEM—Rb     |
| IVORY TOWER—TB   | KALEIDOSCOPE—Ta  |
| MIOGEM—TB        | ENCORE—A         |
| SNOW FLURRY—TB   | ROYAL COMMAND—A  |
| OKLAHOMA—TB      | COPPER ORANGE—Bo |
| DREAMCASTLE—TB   | BARIA—D          |
| SALUSKIN—TB      | ROSE BLUSH—D     |
| PINK LACE—A      | PATH OF GOLD—D   |

## For Pea Iris Lovers FARMER'S COLLECTION

World's Finest Iris at Special Collection Prices

Three for \$10.95

### Select one

- PALOMINO—TB  
 TEN SLEEP—TB  
 WOODMONT PLUME—TB  
 SOLID GOLD—TB  
 FRANCIS CRAIG—Ob  
 WINTER FLAME—W  
 TEMPLE BELLS—TB  
 PRETENDER—TB

### Select one

- REAL GOLD—Ob  
 STRATHMORE—TB  
 MAYTIME—TB  
 THE MAD HATTER—TB  
 ORIENTAL GLORY—TB  
 BENTON OPHELIA—TB  
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY—TB  
 GOLD SMOKE—Ob  
 SAFFRON CHARM—Rb  
 GOLDEN BUTTERFLY—Rb  
 PINK PINAFORE—W

### Select one

- CRIMSON BEAUTY—TB  
 CLOUDCAP—TB  
 CERULEAN—Ob  
 PARADISE PINK—TB  
 APRICOT SUPREME—TB  
 PARTY DRESS—TB  
 PLACER MAID—TB  
 PINK SENSATION—TB  
 TECHNICAL—TB  
 SPELLBOUND—TB  
 BLACK MICHAEL—TB  
 AUTUMN DELIGHT—A  
 PINK MARBLE—Ob

or 2 in each group

All 32 for \$150.00

## FARMER'S COLLECTION

Three for \$10.95

### Select one

- LADY ALBRIGHT—TB  
 BENTON OLIVE—TB  
 LEMON SILK—Rb  
 KEZAR LAKE—TB  
 PINK SENSATION—TB  
 CHAR-MAIZE—TB  
 HUMMING BIRD—TB  
 CLASMONTE—TB  
 APRICOT SUPREME—TB  
 PLACER MAID—TB

### Select one

- PINK FORMAL—TB  
 STAR SHINE—TB  
 LADDIE—TB  
 FANCY FRILLS—TB  
 ROYAL SOVEREIGN—TB  
 TRAIL BLAZER—TB  
 QUECHEE—TB  
 SILVER SUNLIGHT—TB  
 ORANGE TWOTONE—Bo

### Select one

- MADAM MOHR—Ob  
 MELODY LANE—TB  
 SPRING ROMANCE—TB  
 CHERIE—TB  
 YELLOW EAGLE—TB  
 PACEMAKER—TB  
 ROSABELLA—TB  
 JANE PHILLIPS—TB  
 NEW HOPE—TB  
 HEIGHO—Ob  
 MOHR BEAUTY—Ob

or 2 in each group

All 32 for \$150.00

FOR YOUR FRIENDS, TOO—Your friends may order at these special prices, and elsewhere in this catalog, by merely mentioning your name. They also get Premiums and gifts (page 33) just as you do.

# A GUIDE to the Selection of IRIS—The Rainbow Flower

## TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR GARDEN FOR CONTINUITY OF BLOOM

See opposite page for page numbers for the types and varieties of Iris listed below. Thus you can quickly find descriptions and prices of Iris for any purpose that you have in mind. Many Iris have a wide latitude of tolerance, and it is not to be inferred that they will succeed only under the conditions indicated. See my **RAINBOW IRIS MANUAL** for more detailed information. A few of the following varieties are not in the index as they are sold out for this year. They will appear in the catalog as soon as stocks are built up.

### IRIS FOR YEAR 'ROUND BLOOM

Blooming time varies with latitude, elevation, weather and other factors.

#### For WINTER Bloom

In warm climates, indoors, or under glass.

#### — DECEMBER —

**Stylosas:** Large flowered, Bridal Pink.  
**Winter-blooming Bearded:** Winter Flame, Pink Pinafore, December Royalty, Bel-Air, Spring-time Madonna, Arcadia Buttercup, Tournament Queen, Russian Bronze, California Pink.  
**Potted Iris:** Various types, for Christmas.

**Seed-bouquets:** Christmas Iris, Blackberry Lily.  
**Late Bloom of Autumn Bloomers:** Joseph's Mantle, Polar King, Sangreal, July Beauty, Kansas Ingleside, Pink Lace.  
**Oncobreds:** Lady Mohr.

#### — JANUARY —

**Winter-blooming Bearded:** Winter Flame, Pink Pinafore, Russian Bronze, San Pasqual, Bel-Air.

**Stylosas:** Large-flowered, Marbled.  
**Late Bloom of Autumn Bloomers:** Joseph's Mantle, Sally Ann, Lady Moon.

#### — FEBRUARY —

**Various Types Potted:** See my Manual, page 9.  
**Winter Bloom of Autumn Bloomers:** Pearl Oriental, Green Goddess, Sally Ann.  
**Stylosas:** Large-flowered, White.

**Winter-blooming Bearded:** Arcadia Buttercup, California Pink.  
**Western Native:** Santa Ana.  
**Earliest Dwarfs:** Blarney, April Morn, Primus, Moon Gleam.

### For SPRING Bloom

Spread your spring bloom over three months.

#### — MARCH —

**Earliest Aril Iris:**  
**Oncos:** Susiana, Atropurpurea.  
**Regelias:** Korolkowi Pink, Hoogiana, Orestes.  
**Oncogelias:** Charon, Andromache, Parthenope, Luna, Thalia.  
**Winter-blooming Bearded:** Arcadia Buttercup, Reichenbachii, Southland.

**Western Native:** Santa Ana.  
**Dwarfs:** Carpathia, Sulina, Primus, Azurea, Moon Gleam.  
**Crested:** Nada, Japonica.  
**Earliest Tall Bearded in Warm Climates:** Rosabella, Pale Dawn, Ivory Tower.

#### — APRIL —

**Arils Steal The Show in April:**  
**Oncos:** Gatesii, Lortetii, Susiana, Nigricans, Atropurpurea, etc.  
**Regelias:** Lucia, Orestes, Various Varieties of Korolkowi, Stolonifera and Hoogiana.  
**Oncogelias:** Eunice, Teucros, Artemis, Camilla.  
**Earliest Oncobreds:** Silver Charm, Hurricane, Mermaid, Ib-Mac True, Coquetry.  
**Crested:** Fringed, Nada, Cristata.  
**Western Natives:** Rainbow, Western Gold, Many-colored.

**Dwarfs:** Rose Blush, Mist O'Pink, Fior Del Mondo, Green Spot, Stylish, etc.  
**Intermediates:** St. Osyth, Ruby Glow, Black Hawk, etc.  
**Earliest Tall Bearded:** Ruffled Bouquet, Strathmore, Sierra Primrose, Rocket, Pink Sensation, Sunset Blaze.  
**Winter Bloomers:** Pink Pinafore, December Royalty.  
**Autumn Bloomers:** Joseph's Mantle, Autumn Delight.  
**Earliest Siberians:** Ahalya and Crystal Charm.

#### — MAY —

**Tall Bearded:** Main bloom of most varieties.  
**Latest of Arils:**  
**Oncos:** Lortetii, Auranitica, Nigricans, Gatesii.  
**Regelias:** Late Amethyst, Korolkowi Brown & Green, Hoogiana Purpurea.  
**Oncogelias:** Theseus, Ulysses, Isis, Teucros.

**Oncobreds:** Most varieties in full bloom.  
**Regeliabreds:** Hoogsan, Fallen Leaf, Spotless.  
**Unusual Bearded:** Border and Table Iris.  
**Beardless:** Siberians, Western Natives.  
**Western Natives:** Amiguita, Orchid Sprite, Santa Ana.

### For SUMMER Bloom

Have Iris in summer, and surprise all your neighbors.

#### — JUNE —

**Latest Tall Bearded:** Circus, Extravaganza, Blue Rhythm, Admiration, White Smoke, Ranger, Arab Chief, Cascade Splendor.  
**Border Iris:** Virginia Moore.  
**Beardless:** Spurias, Pseudacorus.

**Autumn Bloomers:** Joseph's Mantle, September Sparkler.  
**Western Native:** Santa Ana.  
**Latest Oncobreds:** Illusion, Blumohr.

#### — JULY —

**Dependable Summer Bloomers:** Vesper, Leopard Flower.  
**Siberian:** My Love, only July-blooming Siberian.

**July Bloom of Autumn Bloomers:** July Beauty, Priority, Autumn Elf, Two-for-Tea, September Sparkler.  
**Western Native:** Santa Ana.

#### — AUGUST —

**Pardanthopsis Section:** Vesper Iris.  
**Belamcanda:** Blackberry Lily.

**August Bloom of Autumn Bloomers:** Autumn Twilight, August Waves, July Beauty, Sangreal, Creamy Loveliness, Pink Lace.

### For AUTUMN Bloom

My Manual tells how to encourage fall bloom, even in cold climates. (page 15)

#### — SEPTEMBER —

**Early Autumn Bloomers:** Autumn Delight, Priority, August Waves, Western Hills, Papoose, September Sparkler, Autumn Flame.  
**Pardanthopsis Section:** Vesper Iris.

#### — OCTOBER —

**Autumn Bloomers:** Main display of many varieties, especially Pearl Oriental, Lady Moon, Joseph's Mantle, Western Hills, Sally Ann, Carabella, Polar King, Buckthorn Brown.

**Tall Bearded:** Mattie Gates.  
**Early Bloom of Stylosas:** Large-flowered, Common.

#### — NOVEMBER —

**Autumn Bloomers:** Thanksgiving Firelight, Pearl Oriental, Buckthorn Brown, Papoose, Carabella, Priority, September Sparkler, Fall Beauty, Kan-

sas Ingleside.  
**Stylosas:** Large-flowered, Bridal Pink.  
**Tall Bearded:** Fantasy.

### IRIS FOR SPECIAL SITUATIONS

#### For DRY Locations

##### REQUIRING DRY SUMMERS

Or store in dry sand for the summer.  
**Oncogelias:** Ulysses, Theseus, Charon, Andromache.  
**Regelias:** Orestes, Blue Joy, Late Amethyst.  
**Oncos:** Susiana, Gatesii, Sari.

##### PREFERRING SUMMER WATER

Yet highly drought resistant.  
**Bearded:** Tall, Dwarfs, Intermediates, Border, Table, Autumn, Winter.  
**Aril-Bearded:** Oncobreds, Regeliabreds.  
**Beardless:** Stylosas, Western Natives, Ensata.

#### For MOIST Ground

##### FOR GROWING IN WATER

Or submerged during growing season.  
**Japanese Iris:** Various varieties.  
**Other Beardless:** Pseudacorus.

##### FOR MARGINS OF POOLS

Or any fairly moist bed.  
**Siberians:** Helen Astor, My Love, Nigrescens, Tycoon, Crystal Charm, Caesars Brother, etc.  
**Other Beardless:** Spurias, Foetidissima.  
**Crested:** Cristata.

#### For SHADY Places

##### THRIVING IN RATHER DENSE SHADE

Or in light to moderate shade.

**Oddity:**  
Christmas Iris, Foetidissima.  
**Crested:**  
Japonica, Nada  
Cristata.  
**Western Natives:**  
Rainbow, Western Gold  
Amiguita, Santa Ana

##### FOR LIGHT TO MODERATE SHADE

Some sunlight needed for good bloom.  
**Beardless:** Stylosas, Siberians, Spurias, Western Natives.  
**Oddity:** Christmas Iris or Foetidissima.  
**Bearded:** Light shade in very hot areas, or if necessary, but sun usually preferred.  
**Crested:** Nada, Fringed, Tectorum.  
**Border:** Virginia Moore.

#### For Soils of Varying Reactions

My MANUAL tells how to determine or change the reaction of your soil.

##### FOR ACID SOILS

Having a pH between 4.0 and 7.0.

**Beardless:**  
Siberians  
Spurias  
Stylosas  
Western Natives  
Pseudacorus  
Foetidissima  
**Crested:** Nada, Fringed, Cristata.  
**Bearded:** All types of Bearded will thrive under slight acidity, down to about pH 6.0.

##### FOR LIMESTONE SOILS

Having a pH between 7.0 and 8.5.

**ARILS IDEALLY ADAPTED:**  
**Oncos:** Susiana, Gatesii, Nigricans, Lortetii, Haynei, Nazarena, Sari, etc.  
**Regelias:** Korolkowi, Stolonifera, Lucia, etc.  
**Oncogelias:** Ulysses, Theseus, Camilla, etc.  
**ARIL-BEARDED Hybrids:**  
**Oncobreds:** Real Gold, Joppa Parrot, Magic Light, Butterfly Wings, Hurricane, etc.  
**Regeliabreds:** Lemon Silk, Saffron Charm, etc.  
**BEARDED** (Lime not essential): All types.  
**BEARLESS:** Foetidissima; Spurias.

#### Contrasting Height Requirements

##### FOR ROCK GARDENS AND LOW EDGINGS

The Lilliputians of the Iris genus.  
**Unusual Bearded:** Dwarfs, Intermediates, Border, Table, lower Autumns.  
**Lower Oncobreds:** Some Love, Ib-Mac True, Parvar, Velvo.  
**ARILS:** Oncos, Regelias, Oncogelias.  
**Crested:** Fringed, Nada.  
**Beardless:** Stylosas, Western Natives, Ensata.

##### FOR BACKGROUNDS WHERE TALL IRIS ARE NEEDED

**Tallest of Tall Bearded:** Spring Romance, Grecian Robe, Placer Maid, Saluskin, Black Michael, Spring Sunshine, Sky Ranger, New Snow.  
**Spurias:** Nearly all varieties.  
**Siberians:** Grandis, My Love, Snowy Egret, White Dove.  
**Tallest Oncobreds:** Purissamohr, Grace Mohr.

#### For NATURALISTIC Gardens

##### FOR WILD GARDENS OR WOODLAND RETREATS

The best kinds for naturalizing.  
**Beardless:** Siberians, Pseudacorus, Spurias, Western Natives.  
**Crested:** Nada, Japonica, Cristata.

##### FOR LANDSCAPING BANKS, AND OTHER MASS PLANTINGS

Available in quantity at low rates.  
**Bearded:** Any of the older, less expensive varieties.  
**Beardless:** Spurias, Western Natives, particularly Douglasiana, Hartwegi & Macrosiphon.

#### For Indoors and Flower Shows

##### FOR POT CULTURE

Mostly hardy for outdoors if you prefer.

**MANUAL** explains pot culture.

**Crested** (Tender)  
Nada  
Japonica  
Stylosa  
Large-flowered, Common.  
Bridal Pink, White.  
**Bearded:** Any variety, and especially the low-growing kinds may be grown in large pots or tub if your inclinations or requirements so indicate.

##### FOR EXHIBITION

The finest varieties get the prizes.  
**ARILS**—Will be the marvels at any show.  
**Oncos:** Gatesii, Nazarena, Susiana, Nigricans, Sari, etc.  
**Regelias:** Decorated Giant, Decorated Delight, Lucia, Orestes, Late Amethyst, etc.  
**Oncogelias:** Theseus, Ulysses, Charon, Luna.  
**Oncobreds:** Clementina, Kalifa Fatima, Real Gold, Yarkand, Butterfly Wings, Oyez, Near East.  
**Tall Bearded:** Plumed Delight, Unicorn; all of the Novelities on Page 40.  
**Unusual Bearded:** Autumn Iris for Harvest Festivals; Dwarfs, for early spring flower shows.

#### IRIS for Cutting

##### FOR MAKING YOUR OWN CORSAGES

**Smaller Oncos:** Auranitica, Nigricans, Atropurpurea, Sari.  
**Regelias:** Lucia, Orestes, all forms of Korolkowi & Stolonifera, especially Decorated Delight.  
**Oncogelias:** Charon, Eunice, Camilla, Isis, Theseus, Oberon, Luna, Sirona.  
**Regeliabreds:** Golden Butterfly, Fallen Leaf, Spotless.  
**Bearded:** Zebra, use the striped leaves.  
**Crested:** Paltec, Nada, Fringed, Cristata.  
**Western Natives:** Amiguita, Santa Ana.

##### FOR FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

**Regelias:** Stolonifera, Korolkowi Violaceae, Hoogiana Bronze Beauty, Lucia, Orestes.  
**Oncogelias:** Parthenope, Artemis, Theseus, Teucros, Ulysses, Asporina.  
**Oncos:** Susiana, Gatesii, Haynei, Nigricans.  
**Oncobreds:** Clementina, Present, Real Gold, Hurricane, Gold Smoke, Wm. Mohr Giant.  
**Regeliabreds:** Golden Butterfly, Saffron Charm.  
**Unusual Bearded:** Table & Border Iris, Intermediates, especially Doxa, Dorothea.  
**Tall Bearded:** Mulberry Snow, Pinnacle, White Admiral, Green Pastures, Raspberry Ribbon, Alline Rogers, Char-Maize.



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## THE HOME OF THE RAINBOW

One of my Iris fields. You, too, are invited to make an annual pilgrimage to this spot where the Rainbow has come to earth. See page 17 for directions for reaching my gardens.

### RAINBOW'S GOLD

At the Rainbow's end is a pot of gold;  
This is a story which long has been told.  
'Twas to Placerville that our searching led  
Where words of the adage were proved as said . . .  
For as pots of gold are the blossoms rare  
That thrill every person who visits there.

—Alma Braudrick

I offer you a DOZEN ways to save.  
See ALL twelve of the RED items indexed above.



# 1955's MOST ORIGINAL

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# ★ NOVELTIES ★

Each year I present here the most novel and distinctive of current offerings of the Iris hybridizers. For years I have been searching the earth for the most unique of all new tall Bearded Iris, and these are my findings—utterly different, and extra choice. Try exhibiting these at your flower shows.

## MARY RANDALL (Fay '51) ★■ M-36" 1954 Dykes Medal \$15.00

Undoubtedly the most sought of all Flamingo Pinks. Was extremely popular last spring, and now that it has won the coveted Dykes it is the one Iris every Iris fan wants more than any other. A deep rose pink self with a bright red-tangerine beard. A splendid break in color termed Bengal Rose. A large flower with remarkable thickness of petals, hafts wide, free from markings, falls round, flaring, with a rippled edge. A flower of near perfection on strong stalks with well-spaced branches. Superb for hybridizers; pollen amazingly fertile. [New Horizon x (Pink Cameo x Cherie)]

*Fair Mary Randall stands supreme!  
No better Iris grows!  
Its brilliant hue is something new  
Described as bengal rose.  
Deep pink with orchid undertone  
And beard full tangerine . . .*

*Sweet Mary Randall's like a candle  
Whose glow is so serene.  
All points a winning Iris needs  
This charming flower can claim.  
Majestic, rare and debonaire,  
It merits lasting fame.*

George Nicholas Rees

## TRULY YOURS (Fay 49) ★■ L-38" 1953 Dykes Medal \$10.00

A huge new creation that is both breath-taking and spectacular. Has taken the country by storm. A beautiful heavily-ruffled yellow bitone with Chantilly-like edging of lace on both the standards and falls. Heart of flower is bright yellow shading off to almost white at the bottom of falls and top of standards. Most ruffled and lacy-edged of all in this class. Completely winter hardy. Fortunately for the hybridizer, Truly Yours has fertile pollen and sets seed excellently. Start now to add this most effective frilling to Iris of other colors. [(Rameses x Far West) x Hall 42-35) x Zantha]

*A gardener gazed at his goodly rows  
Of freshly blooming flowers;  
His thoughts ascended beyond  
earth's woes,  
Forgotten were weary hours  
As he saw in a seedling Iris bed  
A marvel of gold and white—  
In size, in beauty and grace, it led . . .  
In every point . . . delight!*

*The gardener nurtured his faultless prize,  
Reward of a patient toil . . .  
As fair as the wings of butterflies,  
Or a masterpiece in oil.  
He sensed the charm of this ruffled gem  
Would spread to other shores . . .  
Inspiring you as it gladdened him—  
So be named it "Truly Yours."*

George Nicholas Rees

**VEILED IN MYSTERY** (Milliken '51) ★ 36" Mysterious and very lovely is this most unusual color break—a satin white with an ethereal dusting of the palest char-  
treuse. Both standards and falls exquisitely fluted and ruffled. Another special feature of this creation is its unusual full violet beard, setting this flower apart from others and giving it unusual beauty. When displayed at flower shows it has created a sensation among flower lovers and hybridizers alike. Introduced at \$35.00 but now it is down to where Iris fans everywhere can enjoy it. . . . \$7.50; 3 for \$16.85

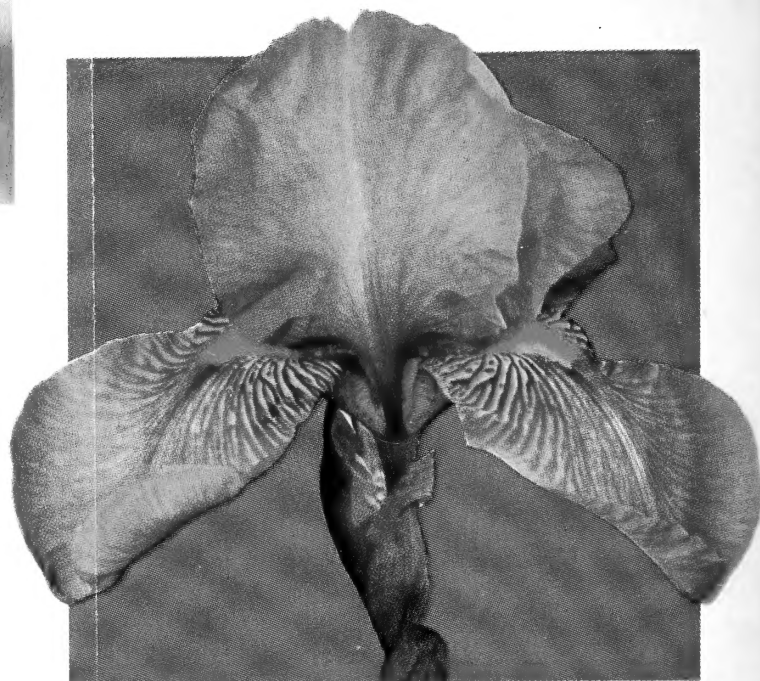
**PRETENDER** (Cook '51) ★ L-36" A new arrival that is most fitting for this page of utterly different Iris is this distinctive creation in a color pattern never before seen in modern tetraploid Iris. The best of a series of seedlings Mr. Cook calls his "blue-falled variegatas," in distinction to the usual variegatas which have falls in red or reddish-purple. This unique new bicolor has yellow standards and falls of deep blue violet. A real advance in new Iris color patterns. Already it is providing excitement for both fanciers and hybridizers. . . . \$10.00; 3 for \$19.95

**SPRING ROMANCE** (Miess '49) ★ EM-42" A breath-taking new release with huge 7-inch blooms of extra heavy substance and long lasting qualities. A tall, waxy, non-fading, cream-white, with a frosty overlay and a heavy infusion of aureolin gold at the haft, casting a golden glow over entire bloom. A deep orange beard completes the color picture. Very floriferous. Delightful fragrance. Gold Cup '48 Hollywood Show. HM'50. [Melitza x Narain]. . . . \$3.50; 3 for \$6.95

**HEART'S DESIRE** (Wills '50) ★ M-38" I expect this has been YOUR Heart's Desire for a number of years. Now the price is down to where everyone can enjoy its glowing rose-red coloring to add brilliance and life to their garden. When such a beautiful Iris is available at such a low price, I make it one of my eagerly-sought red-star varieties that you won't want to miss. A large, wide and brilliant bitone. Falls ruffled, deep velvety red, standards lighter. Combines free-flowering with long season of bloom. May prove useful in breeding an Amoena with red falls. [Copper Pink x True Love] \$3.00; 3 for \$5.95

**LINDORA** (Sass '50) ★■ M-38" A real beauty that stands out because of the depth and intensity of color. Standards deep orange-yellow; falls snowy white with an edging and light dappling of yellow. Hardy and unusual! Already proving a fine parent in the Sass gardens. . . . \$3.50; 3 for \$6.95

**PHALANX** (Schreiner '51) E-36" A novelty Iris of rare coloring in an unusual fuchsia hue. Falls have a metallic rose sheen enhanced by a blue blaze in center. Reminiscent of the lustre of a shining Christmas tree ornament. Try this to catch the attention of every visitor to your garden. [Red Amber x Lotherio]. . . . \$2.00; 3 for \$3.95



BENTON OLIVE — Green-tinged — \$5.00

**BENTON OLIVE** (Morris '49) ★■ E-M-36" With the present swing to near-greens, this novelty in silvery olive-buff is destined to be very popular. I imported this from England for you and there are none like it in this country. A subtle new coloring that will prove very useful to arrangers. There is enough green in its makeup to cause it to be used by every hybridizer working toward greens. Has very good pollen and you may be sure I will be using this in my hybridizing for greens this spring. Flowers above average in size, with nicely flaring, heavily substantiated falls. A novelty well worth trying. . . . \$5.00

## The NEWEST Thing In Iris

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